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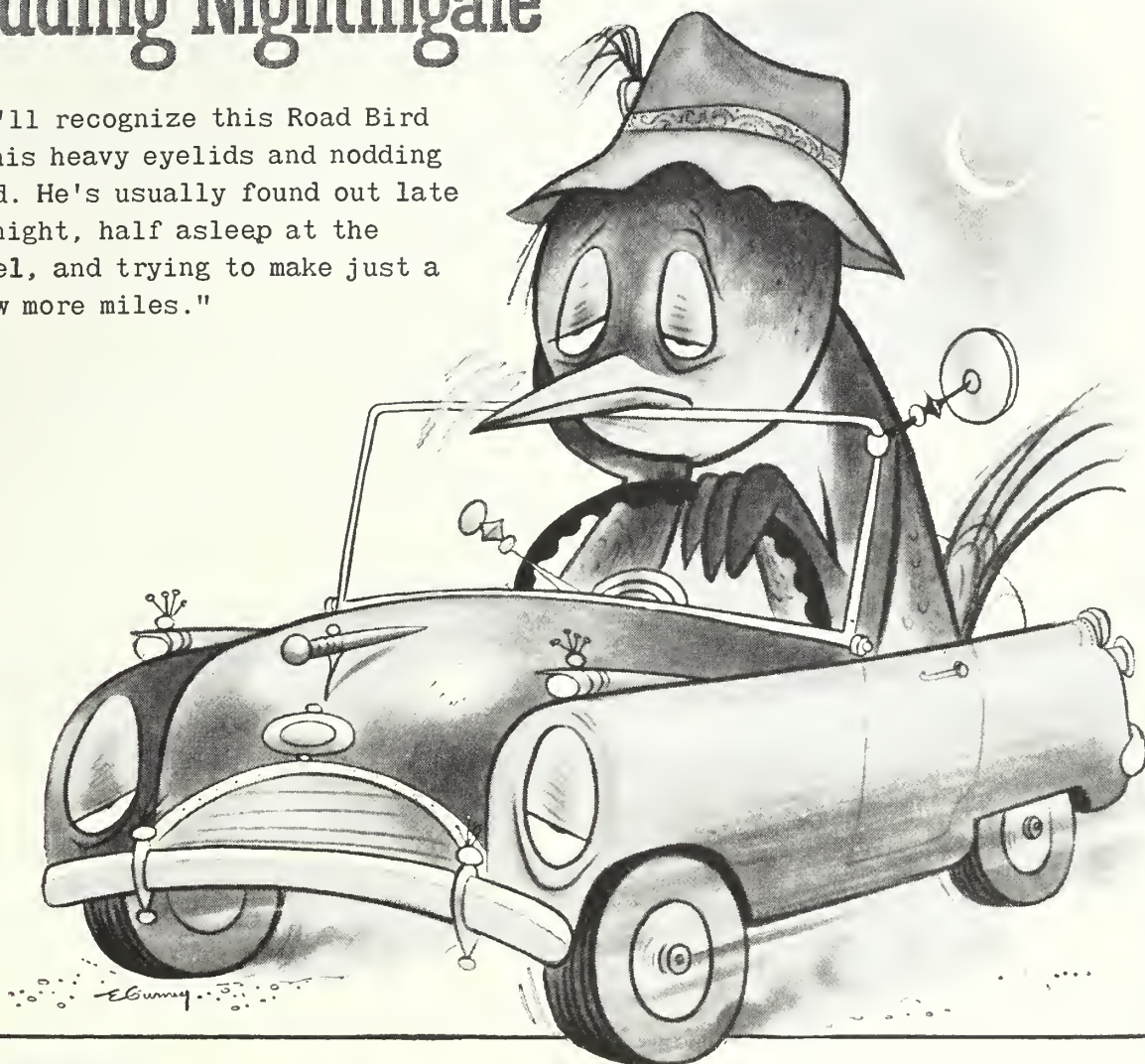
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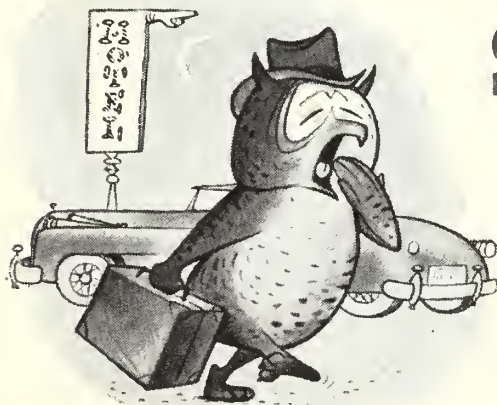


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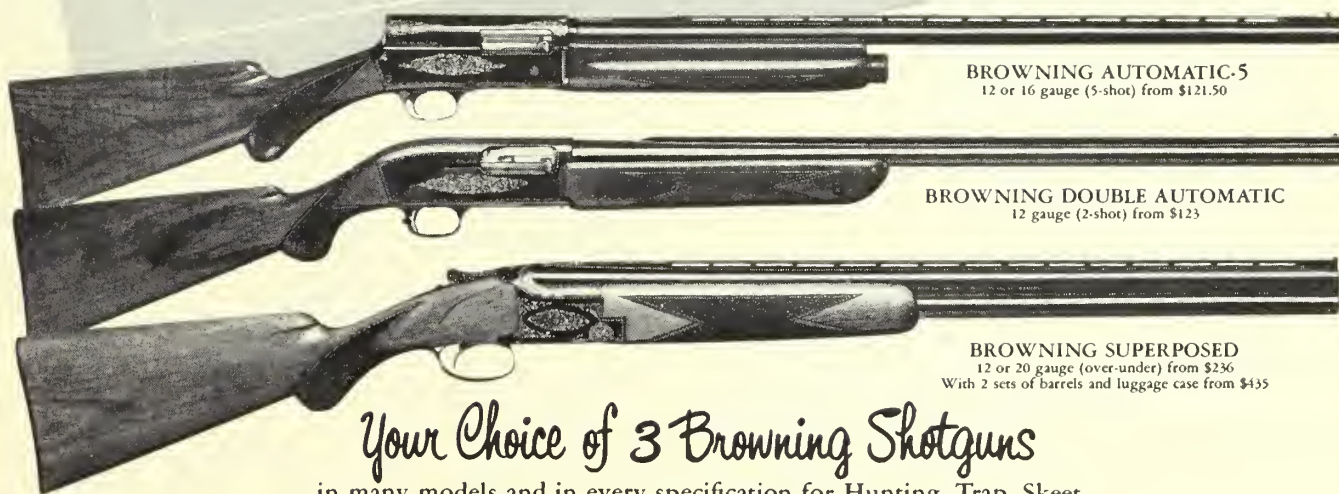
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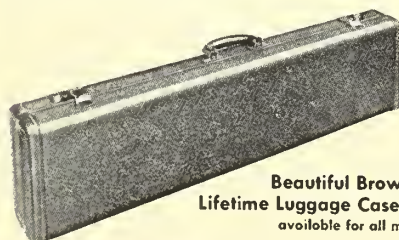
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PERTINENT QUESTIONS

Sir: The Status of Forces Treaty provides that foreign countries will have criminal jurisdiction over American armed forces personnel stationed within their boundaries. For the first time in American history American soldiers abroad are subject to trial under foreign laws and denied the constitutional protections to which they are entitled. There is a resolution, H. J. Res. 309, now before the Committee on Foreign Affairs, to revise or withdraw this treaty. But as long as this treaty is in effect I would like to know how it is that our prisoners of war who were forcibly brainwashed can be sentenced or convicted when they come home for something they did on foreign soil. Our government, after all, has no criminal jurisdiction over our men on foreign soil. And how does all this jibe with the fact that ex-Major Peress, who hid behind the Fifth Amendment and was not tortured or brainwashed into his beliefs, is free now, with an honorable discharge?

Mrs. Marjorie McHale
DeWitt, N. Y.

THE GIFT OF SIGHT

Sir: I just went through the terrible experience of losing my son from a heart attack, and I didn't know until later that I could have given his eyes to a blind veteran. What a comforting thought it would be to know that part of him was still alive, restoring sight to some veteran. Your magazine could get this before the public with the slogan "Save Your Eyes for a Veteran."

Name Withheld
Orion, Ill.

CORKER

Sir: I sure did enjoy the article in the August issue by National Commander Seaborn P. Collins under the title "Leaders Wanted." It was a corker, and I suggest that it be reprinted by every Legion Post in the country and copies sent to every man and woman in the community who was in

the services. Not only are leaders wanted, but how they are needed!

Patrick H. Shanahan
Milton, Mass.

FORGOTTEN MEN

Sir: In the August issue I saw a letter about General Pershing's grave being left with only the regulation marker flag and buddy poppy on it. That is very bad, but there are other things that are worse. There are men that fought under this noble leader who are alive and also in the forgotten class. As we are not able to work, we are sweating it out in soldiers' homes, after signing a pauper's oath. This is so that we can get something to eat and wear, and we are constantly reminded that we are on charity. Why can't all the veterans get together and fight this thing to a standstill? Let us remember the living as well as the dead.

James H. Madden
Saint James, Mo.

KILLING A B'AR

Sir: I think I know why communist and "liberal" papers have taken such a violent dislike to Davy Crockett. After all, he "killed a b'ar" at the age of three. The symbol of the Soviet being a bear, we obviously can't have any American heroes overthrowing the shaggy symbol of the shaggy reds.

Jim Kelly
Brooklyn, N. Y.

LIKED MIRACLE

Sir: In my opinion the article by Walter A. Tompkins, "Miracle at the Iron Curtain," is the best article I have read in any magazine at any time. It would be a fine thing if it could be printed in all of our leading newspapers.

Rea Caughey
Elizabethtown, Ky.

Sir: Walter A. Tompkins puts so much meaning in his words that one's breast fairly swelled with pride at the spirit of our American boys. These are the things that win the cold war, and nothing that can be said and done behind the Iron Curtain can overcome this lesson. It makes one proud to be an American.

Hugo Evon Frey
Long Beach, Calif.

COMMON SENSE

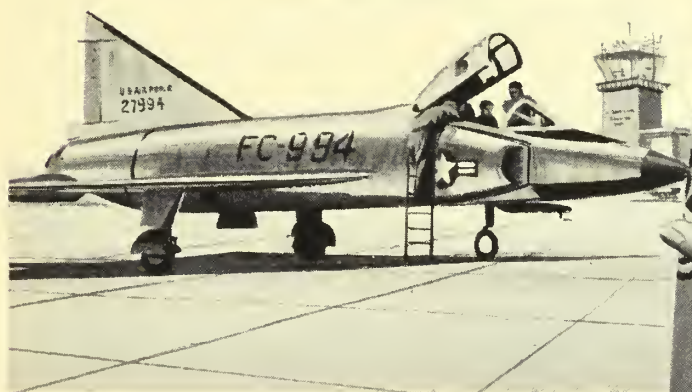
Sir: In your issue of January 1954 you published an article by me entitled, "Brainwashing American Style." It called attention to facts on various subjects which had been brainwashed out of the mind of the average American, and out of press, radio, etc. During the Hitler-Stalin alliance of 1939 to 1941 there was nobody in America who did not know that the communists were fascists of the red variety. After Hitler attacked Stalin, some Americans became confused. I just happened to run on a Gallup Poll

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From where I sit by Joe Marsh

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Come to think of it, Red is pretty good about *his* obligations—delivering packages, supplying stamps, cashing money orders—saving us trips to the Post Office. Let's fix up those boxes so he can get his chores done fast.

From where I sit, obligations always work both ways. For instance, I figure that I'm obliged to respect your right to enjoy your favorite beverage—be it coffee, tea, beer, buttermilk or whatever. Why? Because I'd expect you to do the same for me. The Golden Rule should be followed "to the letter" by everyone.

Joe Marsh

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WHAT'S WRONG WITH AMERICA

A few weeks ago Robert M. Hutchins made a speech. Since you may wonder what is wrong with this country, as seen by the boss of the Ford Fund for the Republic, here are some of his immortal words, as uttered before a gathering of newspaper editors in Washington:

"You have filled the air with warnings of the sinister figures on the Left, but have printed almost nothing about the fat cats on the Right. You have allowed things to get to such a pass that some government departments now have guidance clinics in which the employee is taught how not to look like a security risk. Look at the Passport Division, interfering with the travel of Americans on their lawful occasions; at the Attorney-General's list, ruining the lives of thousands on the basis of hearsay; at the Post Office Department, saving us from *Pravda* and Aristophanes; at the State Department, adding the name of Corsi to those of Davies and Service and countless others. See the blacklist spreading in industry, merging with proposals that American Communists should be starved to death. Listen to the wiretapping, to the cry of Fifth Amendment Communist, to the kept witness roaming the land. . . ."

THE BIG BRAINWASH

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Considering the tremendous volume of goods that can be sold by \$15,000,000 spent in advertising, you get some idea of how much brainwashing Doc Hutchins can accomplish by spreading all his tax-exempt millions among like-minded "experts" in the academic-propaganda field. For this amount he may not be able to prove that black is white, but he's doing a pretty good job of selling unthinking Americans the idea that red is really red, white and blue.

THOSE COMICAL COMRADES

In view of the current happy-go-lucky attitude of these key Kremlinites, Kare-

free Khrushchev, Beaming Bulganin and Merry Molotov, the time has probably come for them to ditch *The Internationale* and adopt a new anthem. We had thought of *Let a Smile Be Your Umbrella*, but that brings to mind Chamberlain's trip to meet Hitler at Munich, and that would never do. Possibly a better choice would be *Smile, Darn You, Smile*.

AS THE SOVIET SEES THE LEGION

You may not recognize The American Legion from the following, but this is how our organization is described to the bolsheviks who read *The Large Soviet Encyclopedia*:

"The American Legion is one of the most powerful militarized fascistic organizations in the United States. It was established in 1919 by officers of the American Expeditionary Force acting under direct orders of the General Staff. The purpose of the Legion was to combat revolutionary tendencies among the troops. After it was organized, the American Legion turned out to be one of the bulwarks of reaction in the United States. In 1934 the leaders of the American Legion, subsidized by a number of financial corporations, tried to organize a fascist upheaval in America.

"An Executive Committee controls the Legion. At the head of this committee is a national commander who is elected each year from among representatives of industrial and financial circles. The leaders of the American Legion are closely connected with the Department of Defense, the FBI, and the House Un-American Activities Committee.

"The entire United States is covered with a net of . . . Legion organizations called local posts. The posts carry out the functions of secret police and strike-breaking groups. The American Legion will not accept as members people who belong to labor unions; they demand that each new member agree to be a strike breaker. . . . Under their slogan "One Hundred Percent Americanism" the American Legion carries out an open program of racism. . . .

"The expenses of the Legion are met by fees collected from powerful monopolies. . . ."

FAUX PAS

Legionnaire Benedict Rapport was recently ejected from a one-world meeting in New York City because he had the temerity to ask the speaker if he had a communist front record. "No," said the speaker, "and I condemn you for the statement." This reply represented the height of something or other, because the United World Federalists spokesman was none other than Rex Stout, the composer of Nero Wolfe whodunits, who has a formidable record of communist front affiliations. Later on, when Stout's record was published in the *New York Journal-American*, the promoters of the hootenanny realized that someone had made a tactical error, and asked Rapport if he'd please come back and talk things over publicly with one of the one-world orators.

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There's a gimmick. New law lets Defense Dep't start volunteer, draft-free training program. But Defense must actually get it going before it can mean anything.

Look for natural checks & balances to make SOCIAL SECURITY better insurance, less a political football. 'Til now, proposals to pay out more benefits got cheers, votes. Another bill to pay out more got 1/2 way thru last session of Congress. But...

Same bill calls for upped payroll bite that'd hit 9% of covered income soon; make ever larger group of folks who'd pay more Social Security tax than Fed income tax. Right near here is point where passion for more benefits may wilt. Trend to add to benefits will continue for a while. But with each pay-out eating deeper into take-home pay, Social Security will lose more of its false glitter as a gift from politicians. That hard fact is good for both Social Security and politics.

A LOOK ABROAD. BRITAIN: Do not expect socialists to tighten their slipping grip on British Labor Party soon. Labor wants to cement better times by paying more heed to best interests of Britain. But socialists, ever revolution-minded, have no program for best interests of Britain today, can't make one without forsaking the revolution. That's what the split in the Labor Party is all about. It runs deep.

CHILE: Growing demand for copper in U.S. may give commies harder time in Chile. U.S. orders have got Chile and Peru copper mining on upswing again. This should soften unemployment miseries in Chile, on which commies fed fat in recent years.

MEXICO: Watch for U.S. writers fad, before too long, to "discover" Mexico as a "modern nation." Fact: For upwards of 20 years Mexico has been modernizing on a steady uphill climb. Steadily upped have been, and are, productivity, road building, electrification, health and education levels. Soon, rest of world will erase image of Mexico as sleeping peon.



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Most American homes are protected against fire by
the guy next door — the volunteer fireman.



▲ A Silver Spring, Md., pumper and the rescue wagon line up with other Montgomery County fire apparatus before a Civil Defense drill.



▲ Practice. One phase of the CD test included lowering an injured man from a rooftop.

The real thing. Because the Silver Spring ambulance was out on another call,
▼ the dispatcher called one from nearby Takoma Park to handle this case.



Department has 85-foot aerial truck, 6 pump-
▼ ers, rescue wagon, and 2 ambulances.



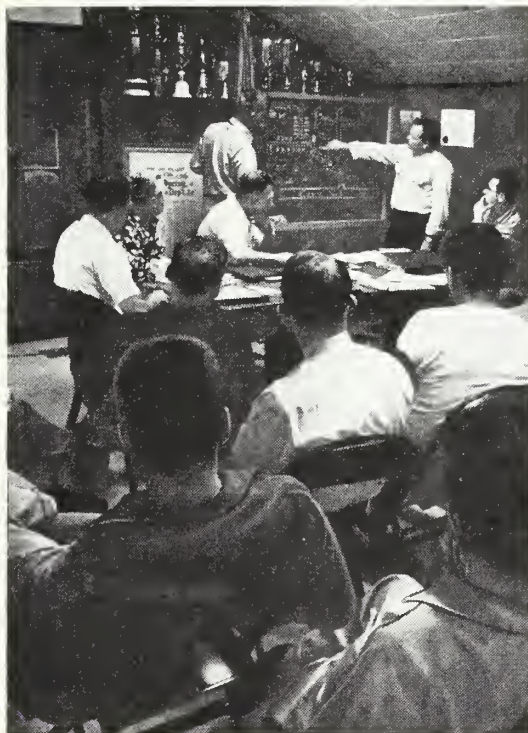
One of the fire marshal's duties is to check on Christmas tree decorations.



By IRVING HERSCHEIN

FIRES LAST YEAR cost Americans nearly \$900,000,000. However, this was nothing new or startling. This country has been fighting fire since the first settler landed at Jamestown more than 300 years ago.

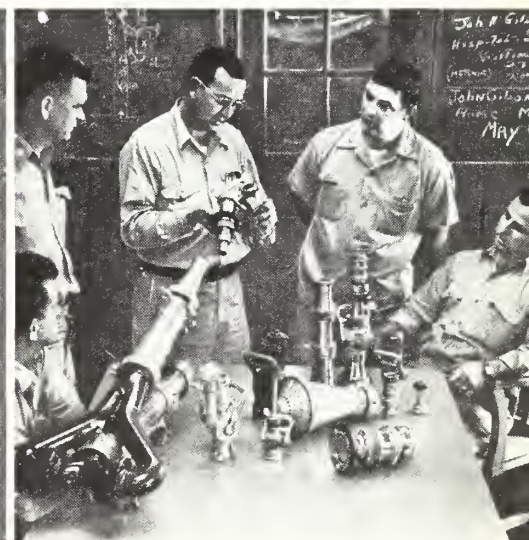
Most people think that the greatest hazard faced by the early settlers was the skulking redskin. Actually their greatest menace was fire, and it was an ever-threatening danger because his
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A military installation in a nearby wooded area presents a problem. Here Chief Nelson Thayer explains the procedure to be used in case of fire.



Aside from fire fighting, most of the duties of the volunteers, such as changing hose, above, are routine.



Although modern fire departments carry a wide variety of equipment to meet every foreseeable condition, much of it is used infrequently. To make sure that tools will be used properly when needed, the volunteers run periodic drills to refresh

their memory. Left, Staten Olden, supervisor of paid men, demonstrates a door opener. Center above, Deputy Chief Lesley Heflin drills four men on the proper raising of a heavy fly ladder. Right, Heflin reviews the use of the many nozzles carried on the pumps.



Left, wet hose is hoisted into the drying tower. Below a report of a house fire brought out two pumps, ladder truck, and the rescue squad. The hose being "taken up" here will be replaced immediately upon return to quarters.



HOW THE

Pledge of Allegiance

CAME TO BE WRITTEN

Everyone is familiar with the words but few people know about the man who wrote them.

By **HAROLD HELFER**



The lady from Portsmouth, Margarette S. Miller.

It all began in the mid-thirties on what was to have been a quite routine day for Miss Miller. She belonged to a women's civic organization that was scheduled to hear a routine travelogue-type talk from a routine visitor to the city. And that's exactly what happened—except that, in the course of her remarks, the visiting speaker happened to toss off casually the by-the-by statement that the grave of the author of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag lay unmarked.

That tidbit of floating information struck Miss Miller. She couldn't get it out of her mind. She remembered reciting those words when she was a girl—"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands . . ."—and she knew that the youngsters all around her still uttered those words every school day. And she couldn't help

woman's persistent, determined efforts in the face of indifference and even opposition that make this such an absorbing saga of Americana.

thinking what a shame it was that the author should lie in an anonymous hole in the ground, unknown, uncredited, forgotten.

She proceeded to make some routine inquiries—from the schools and the library—as to just who the author of the Pledge of Allegiance was. She discovered that *no one seemed to know*. Miss Miller felt her blood rising. Here was a man who had created America's chant, the daily, patriotic reminder to the nation concerning the ideals and

aspirations for which it stood, and no one appeared to know—or care—who he was.

There and then, Miss Miller decided to rectify that. So she contacted the visiting lady who had addressed the Portsmouth women's club. All that lady could tell her was that the Pledge was supposed to have been written by a Frank Bellamy, and that he was buried in an unmarked grave in Kansas.

But, checking the *World Almanac* and one or two other such reference

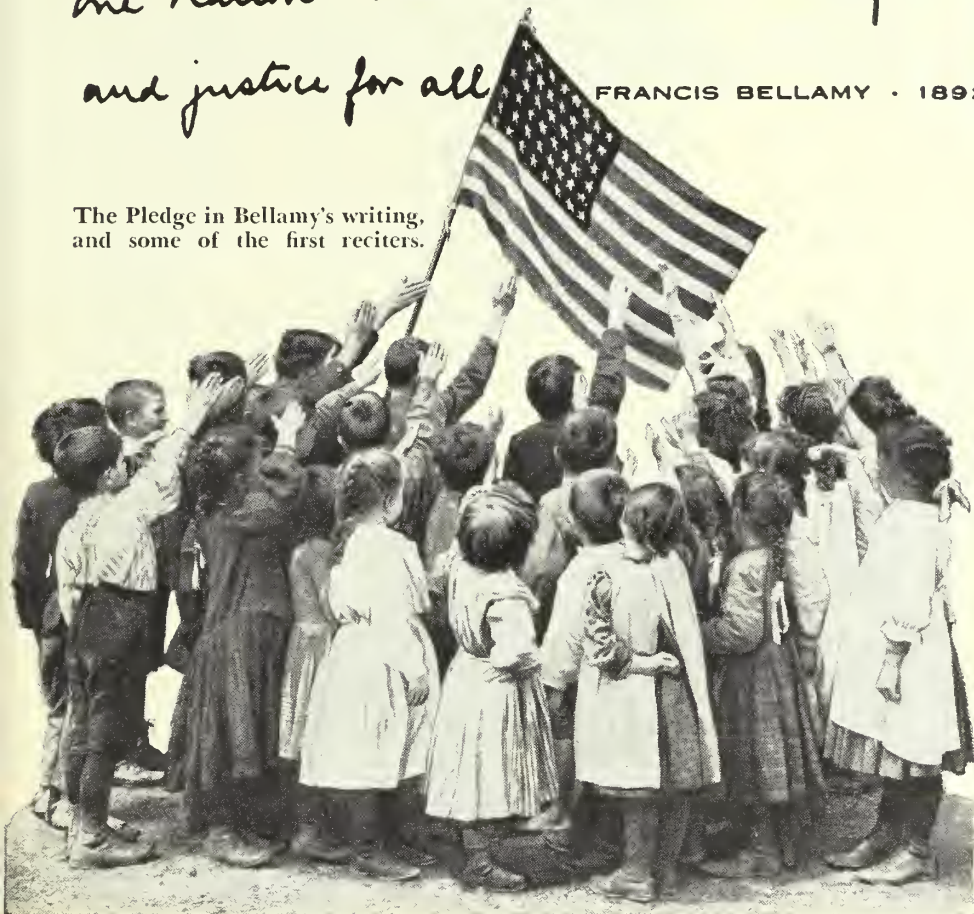
James B. Upham as a member of the Home Guard during the Civil War. Below, one of many flag ceremonies of the 90's in which he took part.



I pledge allegiance To my Flag and (to)
the Republic for which it stands -
one Nation indivisible - with liberty
and justice for all

FRANCIS BELLAMY • 1892

The Pledge in Bellamy's writing,
and some of the first reciters.



sources, Miss Miller discovered that the Pledge's authorship was attributed to one James B. Upham, of Malden, Massachusetts. Which was the correct information?

The diminutive Miss Miller took it upon herself to find out. Some research quickly convinced her that it was indeed James B. Upham who was the Pledge's author. He had been the publisher of the *Youth's Companion* when that magazine first published the Pledge in 1892. Apparently Frank Bellamy, as a schoolboy in Cherryvale, Kansas, had picked up these words from the *Youth's Companion* or some publication that had subsequently printed them, and had submitted them in a composition contest three years after their initial appearance without bothering to credit the source. And so the word had somehow seeped out that a Kansas schoolboy was the author of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certain now that it was James B. Upham, of the *Youth's Companion*, Miss Miller began devoting all her time to promoting this fact. She wrote people and institutions that she thought might be interested in such a matter. And when she learned that there was nothing at Upham's grave to link him to the Pledge of Allegiance, the little lady from Portsmouth decided to see if she couldn't raise the funds to erect a great monument in the magazine publisher's honor, proclaiming that he was the author.

Now, as Miss Miller continued blazing the trail toward greater recognition and acclaim for Mr. Upham, she began getting letters protesting this. These letters took the view that it was Bellamy who was the real author of the Pledge.

Miss Miller would promptly toss these communications in the wastebasket. Hadn't she investigated the matter, and hadn't she definitely concluded

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Note the two changes in the Pledge of Allegiance as it is now recited.



Francis Bellamy at the time he went with *The Youth's Companion*.

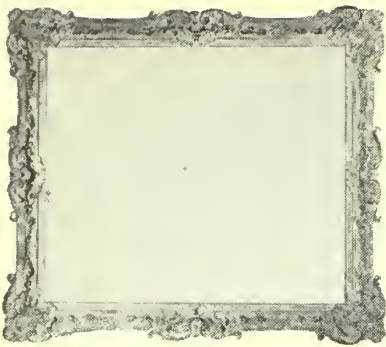
to her own satisfaction that it was the Massachusetts publisher and not the Kansas schoolboy who was the true author of the Pledge of Allegiance? The time factor, the circumstances in general, the common sense of it, everything made this as certain as anything could be.

And yet Miss Miller began to have doubts. Then one day, in a great flash, the truth burst upon her.

She was seeing manifested before her a tantalizing, almost incredible coincidence. The Bellamy family and others who had been sending her these epistles disputing Upham's authorship were not referring to Frank Bellamy, the Kansas schoolboy. They had another Bellamy in mind, no kin, no connection.

This other Bellamy's name was Francis. A native of Rome, New York, he had become an ordained preacher and had had a pulpit for a while. But he felt that his true bent was toward writing, and he left the ministry to join the editorial staff of a magazine—the *Youth's Companion*.

When the Pledge of Allegiance was published by that magazine, the foremost young people's magazine of its day, it carried no by-line. It was the
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Indicating either absolute lunacy or utter contempt for a gullible public, certain modern "artists" exhibit blank canvas as art. As a final absurdity, this "art form" was seriously discussed in the *New York Times* by a follower of this school. It seems that the artist is trying to express an unreal world by subtracting fragments of fragments till nothing is left.

ART

for whose sake?

Much of the trash that passes for "modern art" is not merely silly or pathetic. Behind it is a sickening story of decadence, deliberate perversion and revolutionary purpose.



A record of communist front affiliations has not kept Joseph Hirsch from getting government commissions, and favored treatment elsewhere. The above Hirsch painting occupied a place of honor in the Dallas Museum of Fine Arts, along with the work of others with notorious records of red front affiliations.

By ESTHER JULIA PELS

IN THE STORY "The Emperor's Clothes," by Hans Christian Anderson, the Emperor, *stark naked*, marches proudly down the street between rows of his people. The admiring crowds murmur their appreciation of his beautiful new robes, their soft coloring, and their magnificent texture. Two thieves pretending to be tailors had convinced the Emperor that they could weave for him the most beautiful robe in the whole world, but that the cloth could only be seen by wise and intelligent people.

With huge sums of money obtained from the gullible and vain Emperor, they pretended to weave these beautiful new textures. So skillful had they

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If you are confused by this example of sculpture, featured at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, the title may clear up the mystery. The character with the curious bulges is Prometheus. That big blob he has latched onto is described as a vulture. Responsible for this museum piece is one Jacques Lipchitz.



Bernard Rosenthal is responsible for this figure of Christ on the Cross, in which the Savior is depicted as a dreadful figure of ugliness that brings to mind a huge praying mantis. Vulgarity and distortion of religious themes, making them repulsive, is a hallmark of certain practitioners of modern art.



Pablo Picasso who perpetrated this masterpiece titled "Seated Woman," once made the remark: "I am a communist and my painting is communist painting."



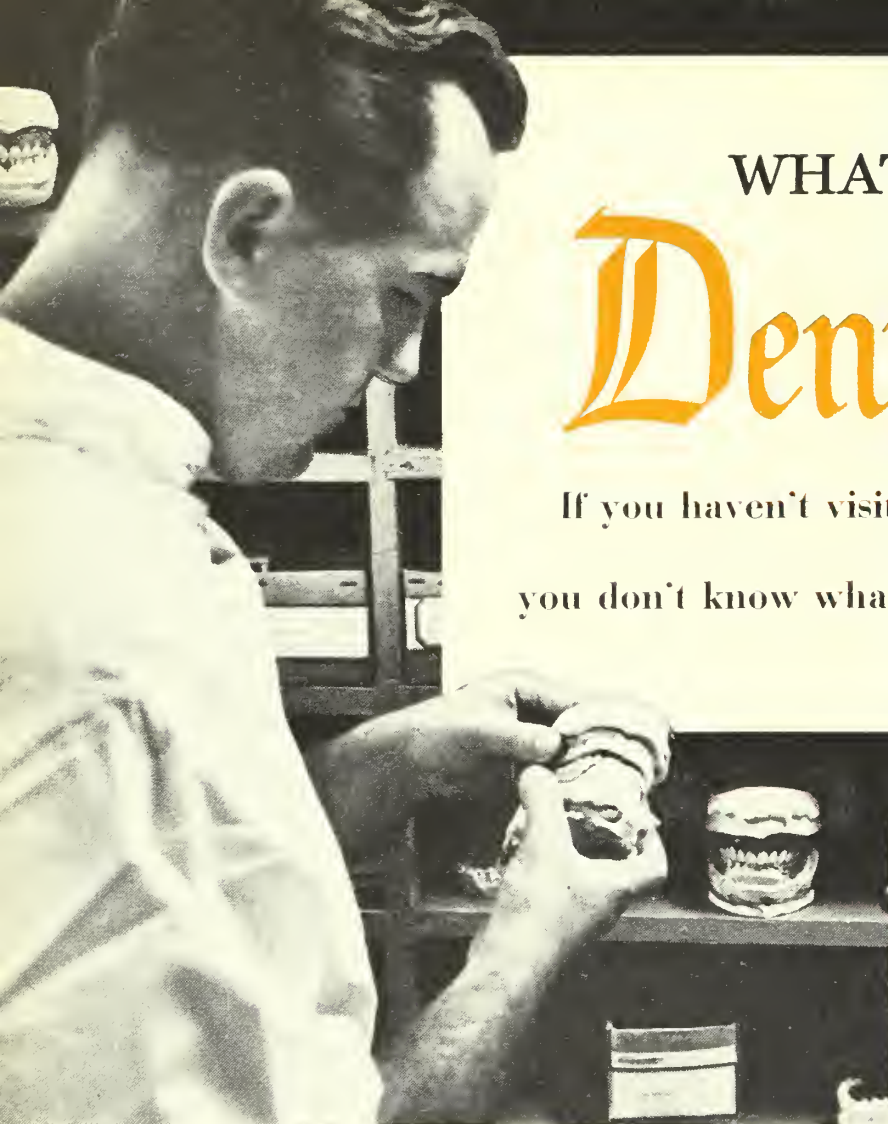
A record of more than 60 affiliations with communist fronts did not keep William Gropper from getting a commission from the government to do the above mural for the New Department of Interior Building in Washington. The fee for this assignment was between \$4,000 and \$5,000.



U.S. taxpayers were mulcted of \$26,000 for murals such as this which adorns the Rincon Annex of the San Francisco Post Office. The money went to one Anton Refregier in the form of a prize. Refregier has been affiliated with 33 organizations and publications cited as subversive, starting in the early '30's and extending through 1954. The American Legion and other organizations have protested, but art pressure groups have upheld their colleague and officialdom has looked the other way.



Rosenthal, who did the "praying mantis" Crucifixion, is also the perpetrator of this monstrosity, which cost the city of Los Angeles \$10,000. This art horror decorates the new Los Angeles police station and its misshapen, pinheaded characters are supposed to represent "The American Family." Citizens' protests have been countered by the potent art lobby, aided by Alfred H. Barr, Director of the Museum of Modern Art, in New York City, a headquarters for such atrocities and those who turn them out.



WHAT'S NEW IN

Dentistry

If you haven't visited your dentist recently
you don't know what you're missing.

By TOM MAHONEY

IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN to the dentist lately, you may be surprised agreeably on your next visit. The chances are that you will find his office air conditioned, illuminated with new cool lights, and, if he treats children, perhaps equipped with toys, music, movies or television for the soothing of young patients.

More important, you will find that something approaching a revolution in dentistry now enables him to do a great deal more than merely fill or extract your teeth. An array of new developments helps him to save teeth, sometimes to move teeth, to do more than ever before to make teeth attractive, and to provide a painless solution for almost any dental problem at any age.

"Teeth do not necessarily have to become decayed and lost," says Dr. Leslie M. FitzGerald, 1954 president of the American Dental Association. "Gum diseases are preventable. Never before have there been so many effective weapons for the prevention of these diseases."

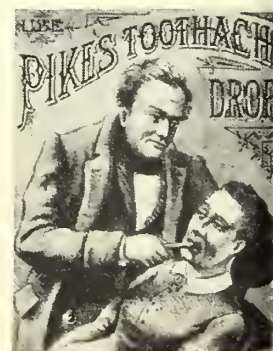
The advances include new devices for painless drilling, new drugs to defeat mouth infections, new materials for fillings and artificial teeth, new techniques for transplanting and implanting teeth, new methods of preventing tooth decay, new dentifrices, and even a new electric toothbrush for home use. The last is a \$9.95 item.



Drilling is said to be absolutely painless with the Cavitron, which uses an ultrasonic principle.

Cutting through the enamel to eliminate decay and prepare cavities for fillings and inlays, the most basic and dreaded task in dentistry, is no longer a matter of torture for the patient or fatigue for the dentist. Several developments happily have ended the discomforts of pressure, vibration, noise, and friction-generated heat associated with the operation.

One is the Airdent, invented by a dentist, Dr. Robert B. Black, of Corpus Christi, Texas. In this device, the usual dental drill is replaced by a fine abrasive powder, aluminum oxide, in a precisely directed stream of carbon dioxide. The material travels through a small nozzle at supersonic speeds of more than 1,000 feet per second to blast out, rather than grind out, tooth cavities.



"The good old days."

A rubber dam is required around the tooth being treated, and a suction arrangement removes the debris and spent abrasive. By substituting dolomite or other soft abrasive for the aluminum oxide, the stream of rapidly moving particles can be used for removing stain and tartar from exposed tooth surfaces without damage to the enamel. As the device is entirely different from the conventional rotary drill, dentists must take a special two-week course before using this "Airbrasive" method.

Even newer is the Cavitron dental unit, an invention of

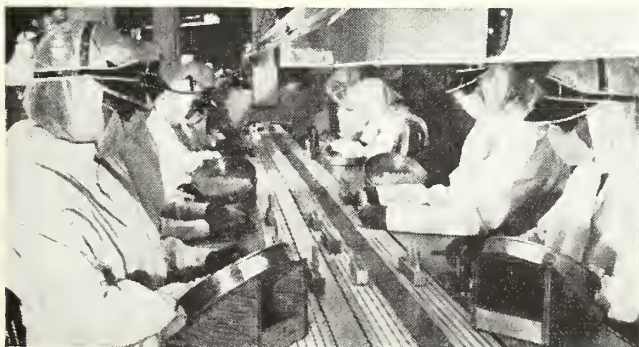


There is no guesswork with X-rays, and units now in use are vastly improved, employing fast-developing film.

Dr. Lewis Balamuth, developed by the Cavitron Equipment Corporation of Long Island City, New York. This applies to dentistry an ultrasonic industrial process previously used to cut synthetic sapphires, glass, steel dies, and other very hard materials. Fine particles of aluminum oxide again do the cutting, this time in a water suspension and activated by a tool tip vibrating 29,000 times per second and moving up and down only .0014 of an inch each stroke.

Columbia University scientists who first used the Cavitron on human patients last year reported "the universal opinion was that the sensation of vibration or annoyance was practically absent," and in each instance "the tooth remained vital and comfortable." A remarkable feature of the device is that it will not cut the soft tissues of the mouth. The surface to be cut must offer considerable resistance to the ultrasonic tip.

Meanwhile, the conventional motor-driven dentist drill has been improved by the addition of diamond and tungsten carbide tipped burs. These cut faster and with less pressure than ordinary steel burs. At



Today science keeps giving the dentist more potent drugs.

the same time, air and water sprays have been devised to keep down the heat of all kinds of drills.

A recent University of Michigan study showed the temperature of steel, tungsten carbide, and diamond tip dental drills without coolants speedily rose 60, 42, and 32 degrees Fahrenheit. As mouth temperature is around 95 degrees, this would expose a patient to 155, 137, and 127 degrees! With the air-water spray, temperature rose only 7, 6 and 4 degrees respectively.

It would, of course, be better to avoid all drilling by having decay-resistant teeth. This is partly a matter of diet as your teeth are developing. In addition to calcium-producing milk and other long-recognized essentials, the dental associations now recommend that tiny quantities of fluorine be added to the water supply if it does not contain it naturally. This has resulted in the widespread fluoridation controversy.

Addition of fluorides in a one-part-per-million proportion to drinking water over a decade has cut tooth decay amazingly in Newburgh, New York, and Grand Rapids, Michigan, without harmful effects. Some 1,050 cities, including Washington, D. C., Cleveland, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh, have adopted fluoridation. Opponents, however, argue the possibility of long-delayed ill effects and the chance of accidental poisoning, and object to the compulsory aspect of it. But many elderly persons for 40 years or longer have been drinking, without ill effects, water containing many times the recommended concentration of fluorides.

If your drinking water doesn't contain fluorides, you can obtain your own by having your dentist paint your teeth



PHOTOS BY DONATO LEO

◀ Plastics like those used in the nose of bombers are now used in dentistry.

The patient becomes a partner, operating a ▼ heat-reducing spray.



with them, or you can use one of the new tooth pastes containing them. Trial of the first of these for a year on school children by Indiana University and Ohio State University dentists found it cut the tooth decay rate 50.6 per cent. The Food and Drug Administration has approved sale of this product with the warning label that it should not be given to children under six and that you should not use it in communities where drinking water contains fluorides without consulting your dentist.

Fluoridation naturally is of the greatest benefit to the young in the tooth development stage. Some other dental advances are applicable to all ages, and others are of special value to mature men and women who lose teeth less from decay than from gum troubles which are loosely termed pyorrhea and are more precisely called periodontal disease.

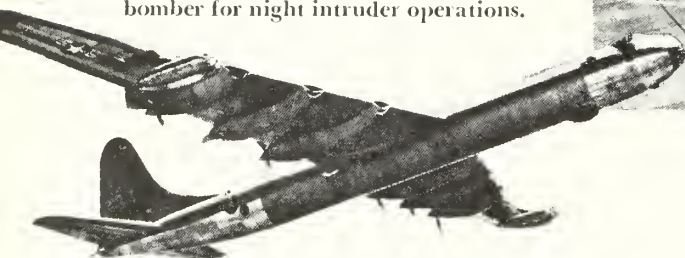
Penicillin and other antibiotics in recent years have become useful adjuncts in many dental procedures and powerful weapons against dental infections. Dr. Edward L. Sleeper, of Tufts College, has reported that some (Continued on page 62)



The B-47 medium bomber. Speed: 600 m.p.h., Ceiling 40,000 feet plus.



English-designed and American-built, the B-57 is a light tactical bomber for night intruder operations.



The B-36, above, is due to be replaced by the B-52 as the Air Force's heavy bomber.



Contrast. The B-17, WW2 heavy bomber, weighed 60,000 pounds. The newest heavy, the B-52, weighs 300,000 pounds and flies at more than 600 m.p.h.

By JAMES JOSEPH

TEN YEARS AGO, the Japanese surrender delegation stood on the deck of the battleship *Missouri*. At their backs the bomb-blasted, fire-scarred home islands of the Japanese Empire stood as mute testimony to the devastating force of air power.

During the war, heavily armored, heavily gunned bombers weighing 70 tons spanned the Pacific. Sleek fighters sped out from the island bases at nearly 400 miles per hour. From carrier decks swarms of fighters and dive bombers had cleared (Continued on page 60)

10 YEARS *of* AVIATION

A century of flying progress has been compressed into one decade.



The versatile helicopter has been put to many uses. Marines use HRS Sikorskys to carry troops, supplies, weapons to the fighting.

The biggest cargo carrier used by the Air Force, the C124 below, can carry a 55,000-pound load or 200 fully equipped troops.



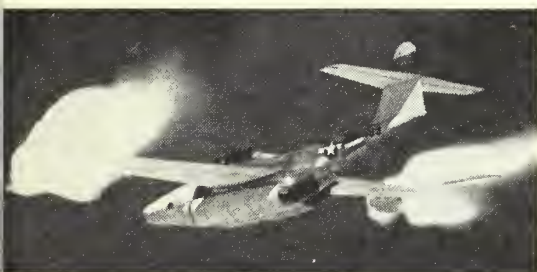
The projection on the Navy Constellation, above, is part of the radar equipment carried by this plane for search and patrol duty.

Both the Air Force and Army are using the 22-place helicopter, below. Landing gear converts for use on ice, water, or swamps.

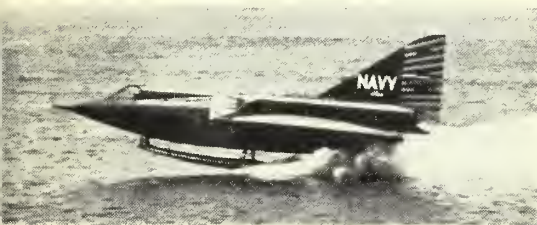




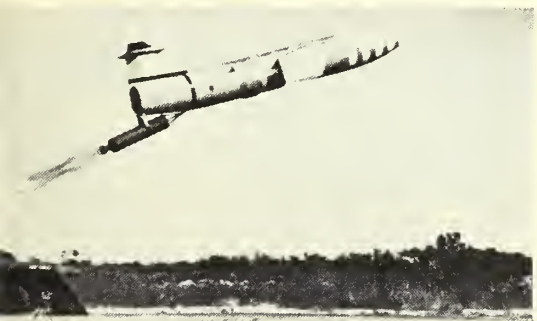
The F-84, the Air Force's first 600-m.p.h. fighter, has been used for many other tasks. Above as a fighter-bomber it drops napalm bombs.



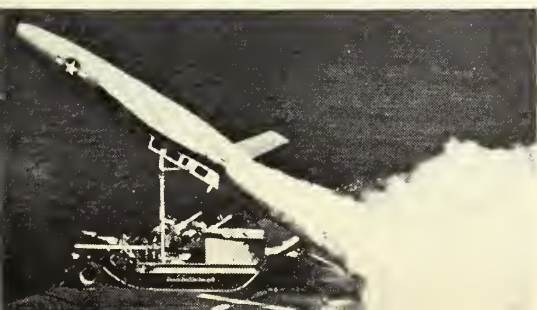
The F-89 was built to intercept enemy aircraft in all kinds of weather. It carries 104 rockets.



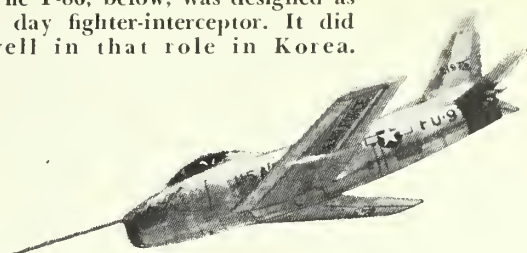
Navy experimental aircraft include this YF2Y-1 which takes off on retractable water-skis.



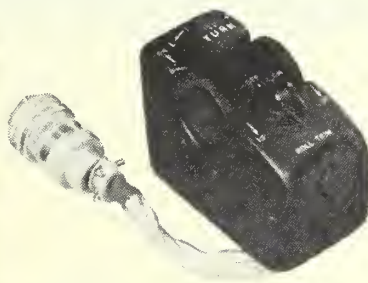
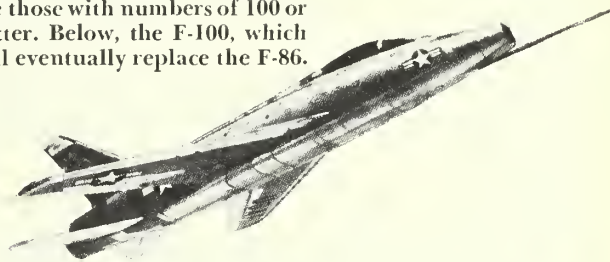
Both the Navy and the Air Force have airborne missiles which fly without pilots. The B-61, above, is being used by the Air Force. The Navy launches "Regulus," below, from ships.



The F-86, below, was designed as a day fighter-interceptor. It did well in that role in Korea.



The "Century Series" of fighters are those with numbers of 100 or better. Below, the F-100, which will eventually replace the F-86.

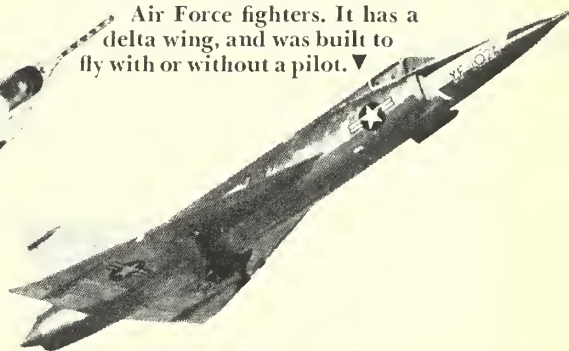
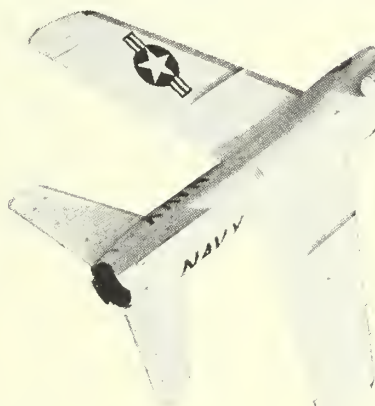


This little "black box" is the latest in automatic pilots. Development of instruments has kept pace with planes.

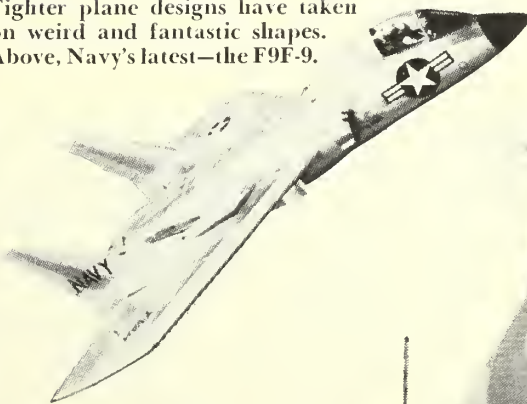
The F-101 was designed to fly long range missions with the big bombers.



The F-102 is the latest in Air Force fighters. It has a delta wing, and was built to fly with or without a pilot. ▼

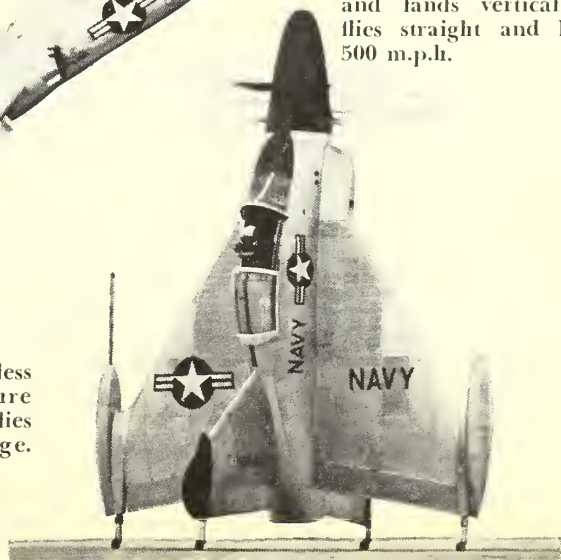


Fighter plane designs have taken on weird and fantastic shapes. Above, Navy's latest—the F9F-9.



The Navy's XFY-1, nicknamed "Pogo," is an example of the aircraft types designed to meet special requirements. "Pogo" takes off and lands vertically, and flies straight and level at 500 m.p.h.

▲ The F7U-3 is called tailless because vertical surfaces are really part of the wing. It flies in the supersonic range.



HOW TO FORECAST WEATHER

Some simple trade secrets that will make you weather-wise.

By **GEORGE H. WALTZ, JR.**

DURING THE COURSE of a year, the professional weather man, who gets paid to forecast the weather in your part of the country, calls the turn about 85 times out of every 100.

Not a bad score, considering that his predictions must cover a wide area. However, when it comes to forecasting your own local weather—the weather in your own back yard—you can do as well *or better* with a little practice. The fact that you are only interested in the weather in your own little community gives you a bit of an edge over the professional.

Try it. You'll not only be amazed at the weather-wiseness you can develop in a short span of time, but you'll find yourself launched on a fascinating hobby that provides all the thrills of picking a winner at the track and all the fun of completing a daily do-it-yourself project.

Best of all, the tools needed for amateur weather forecasting cost only a small fraction of the going prices for shop tools, shotguns, or fishing tackle. As a matter of fact, about all you need to get started is a good mercury thermometer and a good share of patient observation. The winds, the clouds, and a glass of ice water will fill you in with the rest of the weather information you'll need in the beginning. A little later on, you may want to invest in a good barometer. In the meantime, however, the back of your neck can serve as a good substitute, but more of that later.

Fortunately for the pro as well as the amateur, our weather — good, bad, and indifferent—comes and goes according to a few simple and basic patterns. Learn to read those patterns, and you can follow the weather that is going to affect you and your workaday life.

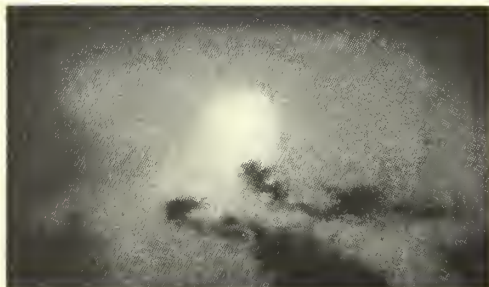
First of all, our weather, for the most part, flows in a continuous procession from the west to the east. It travels about 700 miles a day in the winter and 500 miles a day in the summer. In other words, as a general rule, tomorrow's weather is always directly to the west of us. As a result, if a town 200 to 300 miles to the west of you is having bad weather tonight it's a pretty safe bet that you'll be needing an umbrella or galoshes tomorrow.

A second basic pattern or rule is that our weather comes to us as a succession of high-pressure and low-pressure air masses. The pros call them "highs" and "lows." Both are just what their names imply. A high-pressure area, or "high," is a weather system in which the air pressure or atmospheric pressure is high. The air is heavier, colder, and drier. A "low," on the other hand, is made up of a mass of low-pressure air that is

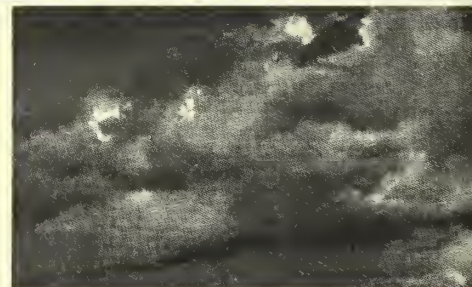
BAD WEATHER CLOUDS



This anvil-shaped cloud is a cumulonimbus. It usually means bad weather's ahead.



Thin altostratus which makes the sun or moon look hazy is a harbinger of rain or snow.



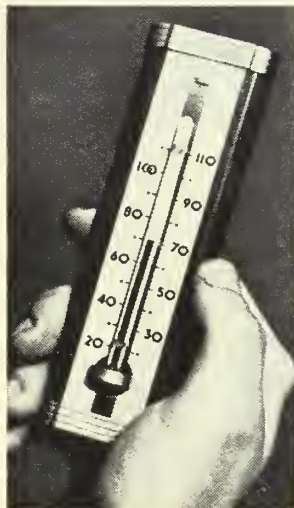
Cumulonimbus, with ragged nimbostratus and fractostratus beneath.



▲ Key instrument for the forecaster is a barometer. The trick is to keep referring to it.

▲ An ice cube in a glass of warmish water can forecast rain. If the glass sweats and the temperature is over 65° storms are coming.

Read the thermometer at least ► five times a day and make the readings at the same time each day.



lighter, warmer, and wetter. In general, "lows" bring bad weather, because their air contains more moisture. "Highs," being made up of colder, drier air, generally bring good weather.

The trick of forecasting over-all local weather then involves keeping track of the "highs" and "lows" as they approach our own back yards. And this isn't as difficult as it sounds. The important things are to know what characteristic signs to look for and to recognize them when we see them.

First of all, the winds give us excellent tip-offs. In a "low," the winds always move around the center in a counter-clockwise direction. In a "high," they move clockwise.

Second, each weather system brings characteristic changes in temperature, humidity, and air pressure.

And third, each system creates and brings characteristic clouds that are easily identified.

Since variations in temperature generally precede changes in the weather, a thermometer is one of the best and cheapest forecasting tools. Buy a good one, and hang it at eye level in a shaded, well-ventilated spot. An open-sided outdoor shed makes a fine place. If you already have a reliable window-type thermometer and want to use it, mount it at a window on the north side of your house. Place it so it will get no sun and no reflected heat.

Read your thermometer at least five times a day and at the same times each day. A good schedule is when you get up in the morning, at noon, around three in the afternoon, at supper time, and finally just before you go to bed. As you make each reading, carefully plot it on a piece of engineer's graph paper, scaling the temperature off vertically and the time horizontally.

After a spell of clear, dry weather you will see that the temperature in your neighborhood changes according to a regular, rhythmic pattern. Normally it will be highest in mid-afternoon, slightly lower around supper, lower still at bedtime, and will hit its daily low at just about dawn. Although the actual temperatures may, and will, vary day by day, the general rhythm of the temperature changes will hold during both summer and winter. *When the rhythm changes, look for bad weather.* For example, if your daily readings suddenly show that the temperature is rising when normally it should be falling (such as in the evening), there's a good chance that bad weather isn't many hours away.

Always read your thermometer directly after a storm for a clue to the future. If the temperature hasn't dropped a few degrees after a small storm and considerably more after a big one—you can expect (*Continued on page 44*)



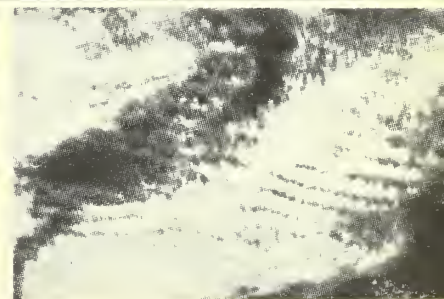
GOOD WEATHER CLOUDS



Things are looking up, weatherwise, when you find these cumulus clouds overhead.



An essential characteristic of high cirrus clouds is the way they gradually spread out.



This is cirrocumulus. Experts would say it also has some cirrostratus.

"Give me the SHOTGUN"

says **JOHN ALDEN KNIGHT**

A veteran wing shooter
describes the many things that
the scattergun does well.

OUR YOUNG FRIEND had never hunted woodcock. Moreover, he had not so much as seen a woodcock, alive or dead. His only contact with this fascinating bird had been conversational, but what he had heard in our talks of woodcock shooting had sold him completely. Now he stood in a dense woodcock cover, watching the big setter work out the location of the bird that he knew was there.

At last the dog came down on tight point, and I motioned the boy toward the edge of the clearing. Woodcock "fly to the light" as a rule, and I wanted the boy to have the shot. This little woodcock had other ideas about where he should fly. As I walked in from the side the bird flushed, towered about 10 feet, and reversed its direction to pass back over the dog, away from the boy. The only chance was mine, so I brought the 20 gauge to my shoulder, and swung with the bird. The little fellow angled behind a low aspen tree which hid him from view, but I had checked his speed and his line of flight; so I chanced a blind shot, and pressed the trigger. On command, the big setter trotted off through the brush and soon returned to lay a dead woodcock on my outstretched palm.

The boy looked at me, then at the bird, then at the aspen tree through which I had killed it. Shaking his head, he turned and made his way through the brush toward the clearing. He said nothing, but I knew that a new, dyed-in-the-wool woodcock gunner had been born, so to speak, right there in that aspen thicket. He and I had been given a moment that neither of us would forget—the thicket, the dog, the bird, and the gun that had stopped that wild flight, the shotgun.

My first exposure to the fascination of shooting at flying targets came about when I was a boy of 11 years. Prior to that time my shooting had been done with a Flobert rifle or an air gun. Before that fateful day, when I chanced upon a trap-shooting match on the outskirts of town, I had not seen a shotgun. The sight of those men breaking round, black targets as they sailed away through the air gave me a brand-new slant on shooting, one from which I have never recovered.

Nor until World War I did I become well acquainted with the shotgun. Then the *(Continued on page 52)*



“I’ll take the RIFLE”

says **CHARLES ELLIOTT**

A rifleman tells what
you can do with *this*
popular weapon.

LIKE THE CLAN of average American sportsmen, to which I belong, I hunt and fish whenever and wherever I can. In my gun cabinet are 2 shotguns and 3 rifles, which I use at one time or another during a part of each year, and several powder pieces of older vintage to decorate the cabinet and walls of my den. By no grain of cordite could I be considered a gun nut. I don't whittle my own stocks or load my own shells, and when a gun fails to function properly I make the flattest possible trajectory to the nearest gunsmith.

In the four corners of the continent, and many a mountain and swamp in between, I've used about every load and caliber the manufacturers have concocted, and with them I've brought in my share of the game, large and small, sporting and dangerous.

I mention those things to preface the reasons why, if I were allowed the choice of only one type of sporting arm for the remainder of my hunting life, I would choose the rifle over any kind of scattergun.

To attempt to make a comparison between the two types of firearms would be in the same category as trying to compare that moment when the greenheads swing and set their wings for a power glide into the decoy stool, and the roaring charge of a wounded grizzly. Each moment may be tense and unforgettable, but there simply is no comparison.

Don't get me wrong. Shotgunning is beautiful work, associated with hunting dogs, misty mornings, and crispy, sunlit days, and fellowship in the field. With quail and pheasants or Canadian honkers, the shotgun is usually a symbol of teamwork between gunners and all the props they use.

I associate the rifle with woodsmanship, the solitudes, the distant places of the earth. It's a spark that lights the pioneering flame in the guts of any hunter. For no matter how many individuals or how much equipment is required to reach some far wilderness spot, or how much help he has in making his stalk, when a man pulls the gunstock to his shoulder and (Continued on page 52)





LEGION ROD AND GUN CLUB



By JACK DENTON SCOTT

THIS IS THE crisp month when the leaves get all red in the face with the beauty of it all, and the hunter gets itchy-footed. It's that time when man begins trying to outwit his fellow animals.



Two of our readers have come up with a couple of game gimmicks that should get results. Dewey Walton, Route 2, Milan, Tenn., in the heart of the squirrel country, offers: "When I go squirrel hunting, especially when the leaves are off the trees, I carry about 50 feet of strong cord. When I see a bushy-tail some distance away, I go to that tree, find a small bush or tree near the squirrel tree, tie my cord to it, then go back to the tree where the squirrel is hiding. I walk to the opposite side from where the bush is, stand against the tree, and give the cord a few jerks. The bush moves; the squirrel comes around and starts down my side of the tree." Leroy Cooper, South 15th Street, Coshocton, Ohio, says: "When looking for a hidden, treed coon, try taking a small limb and rubbing or beating the tree with it. Thinking something is coming up after him, Mister Coon will look at your light and move around on the tree. This also works on tree-hidden squirrels."

WE WERE PLEASED to hear that the friend of the sportsman, Val Browning, President of Browning Arms Co., Ogden, Utah, received the decoration of the Cross of Chevalier de l'ordre de Leopold, from His Majesty King Baudouin of Belgium, for eminent services rendered to the gun-making art. He received the honor in connection with the celebration of the millionth Browning shotgun made in Belgium.

SHOOTER'S CATALOG NO. 6, put out by Williams Gun Sight Co., of Davison, Mich., is available. Eighty-two pages and cover, 8½ x 11, well illustrated, and entertainingly written. Of interest to hunters. Covers iron sights, spotting and hunting scopes, pistols, rifles, shotguns, and accessories. Price 25 cents.

REMINGTON HAS INTRODUCED a new cartridge for varmint-larger game hunting in 244 caliber and have chambered their famous 722 bolt-action rifle to handle it.

The new 244 cartridge is available in 75- and 90-grain weights. The 75-grain cartridge is especially recommended for woodchuck while the 90-grain soft-pointed bullet is said to be remarkably effective on deer and antelope. Its tremendous speed and flat trajectory plus its knockdown wallop give the hunter a big advantage. The rifle in standard grade is priced at \$89.95.

NOW THE MANY and extremely worthwhile 4-H Clubs throughout the country have taken up safe gun handling for their young members. The gun-handling exhibitions conducted by the clubs at State and county fairs throughout the nation are now in progress, and will add up to thousands of lives saved.



MILES HARDEN, Box 86, Casey, Iowa, speaks for the shotgunner classified as the non-expert. "Good basic training for trap-shooting or for hunting this year can be had without the aid of a handtrap. All you need is a hill for backstop and a tin can. Put the can in an easily visible spot on the side of the hill and walk back to mid-range for your particular gauge gun. Then, after turning 90 degrees away from the target, snap the gun to your shoulder and swing around *fast*, shooting as your gun lines up on the tin-can target, then continue to follow-through. Do not slow down or stop your swing to take aim; the trigger pull should be part of the swing and follow-through. This is basic practice to develop speed and timing needed to get your shot away fast on moving game. When you score a hit almost every time, you are ready to graduate to moving targets. This 'still' shooting is valuable, for by watching where your shot hits you can see exactly how much you are leading or undershooting the target—something it is impossible to see while you are blasting at a moving target."

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A DIGEST OF EVENTS WHICH ARE OF PERSONAL INTEREST TO YOU

"DUAL PAY" CEILING FOR OFFICERS WITH MILITARY DISABILITY RETIREMENT UPPED TO \$10,000:

Public Law 239, enacted Aug. 4, permits an officer drawing military disability retirement pay, and working for the Federal gov't as a civilian, to draw as much as \$10,000 combined salary and military retirement pay from gov't. . . . Previous ceiling was \$3,000.

New law applies only to persons retired for disability, not for age or longevity. . . . Bill was Legion-backed.

The present status of retired military officers, as regards "dual pay," is now as follows:

1. Regulars of all branches of service retired for age or longevity: \$3,000 ceiling.

2. Regulars, all branches, retired for disability: \$10,000 ceiling. (But no ceiling if combat-disabled.)

3. Naval Reserves, retired under Naval Reserve Act of 1938, no ceiling.

4. Army and Air Force Reserves same ceilings as regulars in (1) and (2) above. . . . However, last year, U. S. Court of Claims ruled that Army and Air Force Reserves are not subject to any ceiling. . . . Nevertheless, ceilings stated above for them remain in force, pending Supreme Court decision on government's appeal of Court of Claims ruling, entered July 29, last.

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VETS' GROUPS WIN 9-YEAR FIGHT TO RECEIVE STATE FUNDS IN OHIO:

The State of Ohio, and vets' groups in Ohio led by Legionnaires, won a 9-year fight when, in a recent 4-3 decision, the Ohio Supreme Court found that the vets' organizations could receive funds appropriated for them by the Ohio legislature for "rehabilitation of war veterans and the promotion of patriotism."

Two Cincinnatians, H. Brunner Dickman and Jerome Goldman, instituted injunctions and suits, to keep vets from getting State funds, that froze the appropriations. . . . Court's final answer to Dickman & Goldman was that act of legislature can only be revoked by court if unconstitutional.

Freed funds, formerly impounded, aggregate more than \$9,000 each for Ohio American Legion, VFW and DAV. . . . Lesser sums were freed for United Spanish War Veterans, AmVets, Ohio Rainbow Division, 37th Division AEF Veterans Ass'n and Sons of Union Veterans.

Paul M. Herbert, Past Dep't Cmdr, Ohio American Legion, led legal fight for vets' organizations; Joe Deutschle, Ohio Legion Adj't, maintained liaison among vets' organizations in long fight; Deutschle's son, Joe, Jr., handled winning case as Ass't Attorney General, last 2 years.

PRESIDENT SIGNED RESERVE FORCES ACT:

Lead story in news section of Sept. issue of this magazine detailed the content and probable meaning of the then unsigned Reserve Forces Act of 1955. . . . President Eisenhower signed the Act and it became law on Aug. 9, just as editorial deadline for September news section closed.

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BILL TO GIVE SURPLUS GOV'T PROPERTY TO CIVIL DEFENSE ORGANIZATIONS:

A bill (HR 7227) to let Federal and State Civil Defense agencies use surplus Federal property passed the House last session, will be pending in Senate when Congress reconvenes in January. . . . Bill is baby of Rep. Jack Brooks (Tex.).

Brooks told House that nearly \$2 billion of Fed property is declared surplus each year. . . . That gov't gets less than 10¢ on the dollar for it in surplus sales.

He cited a sum of almost \$100,000 that Connecticut could have saved if gov't had given it 10,000 surplus litters for Civil Defense. . . . As it was, said Brooks, Connecticut got the litters for \$9.98 each from a dealer who'd bought the surplus at \$4 from gov't.

Connecticut Civil Defense used some of the litters in recent floods, could have used the dough too. . . . Federal, State and local Civil Defense, which are dollar-poor compared to their mission, could use all sorts of surplus gov't property for public purposes.

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NOV. 26 IS LATEST WHEN MANY KOREA VETS CAN RETRIEVE EXPIRED INSURANCE:

Newspaper Q&A columns on vets affairs have (by a too-sketchy report on Public Law 194 enacted July 29) given many vets false hopes about renewing expired service term insurance.

PL194 definitely does provide for renewing expired service term insurance of WW1 and WW2 vintage. . . . But the vets who may renew are limited to one particular group. . . . The gov't feels that it was partially responsible for insurance expirations among this particular group of vets.

Expired policies that can be renewed must have expired while vet was in service at any time after April 25, 1951, or within 120 days of separation from service after that date. . . . In such a case, expired term policy is renewable if vet applies (a) within 120 days after separation or (b) 120 days after the enactment of PL194, whichever is later. . . . One month's premium payment and showing of good health are required.

Law was enacted July 29, so those affected who were separated before then have until Nov. 26 (120 days from enactment) to apply. (More on this, next page.)

Vets should note difference between policy lapsing and policy expiring. . . . Existing law already provides for reinstatement of lapsed policies, but not for renewal of expired policies.

WW1 & WW2 service term insurance policies run for 5-year terms, then policies end. . . . But if a policy is in good order at end of term, a new policy for new 5-year term is issued automatically.

When a premium is missed, policy lapses and remains lapsed during balance of 5-year term in which premiums are missing.

You can reinstate a lapsed policy at any time during the term in which it lapsed. . . . But normally you cannot reinstate a lapsed policy after the term in which it lapsed ends. . . . It has then expired, quit, run-out, ended for keeps.

PL194 is a special provision for renewing expired policies. . . . It corrects louse-ups caused when vets of previous service, with insurance of previous service, went into Korea-period duty under free gov't indemnity. . . . In the gov't-created confusion that occurred when vets had two ways of being insured, some of them lost their older policies through expiration while in service. . . . Under PL194, these vets can get a fresh start on their older policies.

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COLLECTION OF U. S. TAXES FROM VA BENEFITS IS STILL IN QUESTION:

Can the gov't collect Federal taxes which it claims are delinquent by subtracting them from VA checks for veterans benefits?

A 1935 law, amended in 1940, said no. . . . But Internal Revenue Bureau last year took view that the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 overrode the older law, and that the Bureau could levy against VA benefit checks for taxes claimed by the gov't to be delinquent.

Last April, The American Legion, through its top Rehabilitation legal consultant, questioned the revenue bureau's view, offered legal argument that the 1954 Code does not supersede the older law in this respect, and urged that Internal Revenue so hold.

Last May, Legion's Nat'l Executive Committee resolved in Res. 29 that the Legion seek new legislation on the subject, so that no question would remain but that vets benefits cannot be levied against for taxes.

Most recent word is that Internal Revenue has advised Legion that the question is getting "active consideration." . . . Possibly, Revenue will change its view, but it hasn't yet. . . . If it doesn't, Legion will seek newer, clearer law on the subject.

Power to collect taxes bureaucratically by levying against funds due an individual places individual in disadvantageous position (not shared by other citizens) where there is contention between gov't and individual over correct amount of taxes due. . . . This was recognized by Congress in the original 1935 law.

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VA CLAMPS DOWN ON EMPLOYES HOLDING OFFICES IN VETS' ORGANIZATIONS:

VA Circular 19, July 12, cautioned VA employees against holding office in "service organizations," presumably such as The American Legion, VFW, DAV, Red Cross, etc. . . . Circular referred to "divided loyalty" by such ties which "might embarrass all concerned;" cautioned employees against "election or appointment to a key position or policy-

making office" in outside organizations that service veterans claims.

It warned against VA employees taking part in service organizations' "consideration of VA policy or procedure" except if acting as VA representatives. . . . It further forbade employees to accept any appointment in a service organization, or elective office, or committee membership at any level above that of local post or chapter.

Circular reminded VA employees they may not act as service officers for vets organizations (this is illegal, since no gov't employee may assist in claims against the gov't except in his gov't status.)

Circular was reminiscent of Gen. Omar Bradley's ukase against VA employees holding office in Legion or other vets organizations when Gen. Bradley was VA Administrator.

When queried by Legion as to exact application of the Circular, VA advised that employees already holding prohibited offices could complete terms. . . . Further advised that Circular would not disbar VA employees from serving as delegates to conventions of service organizations.

Circular was resented by Legion afield. . . . Dep't of Connecticut resolved against Circular on Aug. 3, said both Legion and VA gain by dual participation of individuals, took umbrage at phrase "divided loyalty," noted that existing Civil Service and VA regs adequately check and penalize improper actions of gov't employees acting in other capacities.

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OHIO LEGION DEP'T SETS UP CONTROLLED LIFE-MEMBERSHIP PLAN:

Approved at 1955 Ohio American Legion Convention was a Department-controlled life membership plan, on an actuarial basis. . . . Plan means that Posts or persons sponsoring or paying for life membership must put on deposit with the Dep't a sum equal to lifetime Dep't and Nat'l dues for each individual, based on his normal life expectancy at his age at that time.

Plan requires that award of gold or silver life membership cards must have Dep't approval. . . . Here and there, in many Dep'ts of The American Legion, Posts have awarded life membership card to worthy members, yet failed to realize that award also means that Post guarantees payment of honored member's Dep't and Nat'l dues for life.

Ironic result has often been that award of "life membership" meant actual end of membership, as individual relied on Post to keep up dues, but Post didn't.

Ohio plan is similar to that already in effect in Dep't of Maryland.

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KIT THAT RIGS, REPAIRS ARTIFICIAL ARMS:

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Kit costs \$95, has basic swaging tool, plus cable and fittings to rig 30 arms, is thus chiefly designed for limb shops rather than individual arm amputees. . . . However, tool and fittings may be had on less-than-full-kit basis, and tool can be operated with one arm with vacuum cup attachment. . . . For more info write: Automotive and Aircraft Division, American Chain and Cable, 601 Stephenson Bldg., Detroit 2, Mich.

NEWS *of The American Legion*

and Veterans' Affairs

OCTOBER 1955

Legionnaires Suffered, Served When Floods Battered 6 States

Floods that smashed valleys in 6 eastern States, Aug. 18-19, hit so huge an area that story and pix below show but a small sample of the parts played and losses suffered by Legionnaires.

The Legion's men and women were as one with their fellow citizens in their suffering and loss and in their heroism, sacrifices and generosity afterward.

In many cases where The American Legion rendered relief service above the general high level, Legion organization and previous preparation did the trick.

Outside help: Legion elements across the nation sent supplies and cash. In the stricken areas, Legion Posts, Units, Districts and Departments sent in manpower and equipment also.

Nat'l Cmdr Seaborn P. Collins set up The American Legion Disaster Relief Committee (P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, Ind.) to receive Legion gifts for relief of flood area veterans.

Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York Legion Dep'ts set up disaster relief funds also.

Dep't of Ohio sent \$1,000 to Pennsylvania and \$500 to Connecticut Legion. Dep't of Kansas sent \$500 to nat'l Legion fund. Post 503, N.Y.C., sent \$1,000 and 50 cartons of clothes to Connecticut Legion.

Dep'ts of Michigan, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and Maryland speedily wired Comm., asking needs.

Erie County (Buffalo) N.Y. Legion started N.Y. Dep't disaster fund off with \$1,000 check.

Damage: Legion Post homes and the homes, businesses and autos of thousands of Legionnaires were ruined.

East Stroudsburg (Pa.) Legion home was under 14 feet of water. Three hundred miles east, Fairmount Post 85 (Woonsocket, R.I.) was destroyed by the Blackstone River.

Ruined in Winsted, Conn., were the auto agency (pic 1) of Legionnaire Frank Madin and the ice cream parlor of Legionnaire Raoul Gallant (pic 6), while both men were standing emergency police duty.

Nothing remains of the plumbing shop of Legionnaire William Rafferty, Putnam, Conn., (pic 2), or the homes of 6 Legionnaires in Ellenville, N.Y.

Countless Legionnaires were among the jobless as places of employment were knocked out.

Post 113, Frenchtown, N.J., raised funds for relief of jobless members after Delaware River destroyed paper mill, chief employer in town.

The above are mere samples.

Usual disaster work: The commonplace emergency work of the Legion's men and women over the 15,000 sq. mile affected area included rescue and evacuation duty, relief supply, standing regular jobs, serving with special agencies, serving as floating volunteers, police duty, and special tasks.

Evacuation: On the night of Aug. 18-19, Legionnaires evacuated persons in towns throughout the flood swath.

Item: Legionnaire Finkelstein evacuated 37 people in the dark in Torrington, Conn.

Evacuation went on for many days later, as gas mains broke, houses sagged after water went down, persons were stranded on islands of high ground.

Item: In Pennsylvania, Legionnaires served part of the time as ground crews for huge Army helicopter airlift of camp children.

Relief supply: Legion people worked as Legion units and with the Red Cross dispensing food & clothing to evacuees (more than 40,000 families.)

Item: Galloway Post, Newburgh, N.Y., served as center for dispensing Legion relief supplies. Connecticut Posts 13 (Putnam) and 38 (Torrington) were centers for distributing Legion relief supplies (pics 15, 16).

Post 1, Waterbury, Conn., dispensed Legion relief supplies from a downtown store during crisis days, later from Post home.

Two Unit 1 Auxiliary members in Waterbury — Elizabeth Avery and Viola Jewell — were still running a Red Cross clothing center a week after flood.

Mrs. Avery boarded out children to permit her to work 13 hrs a day for Red Cross.

Mrs. Jewell fed 25 emergency workers at home after hours.

Item: Dep't of Rhode Island rushed fruit juices into Woonsocket, R.I., for children and aged (drinking water contamination was general).

Regular jobs: Thousands of Legionnaires served best in their regular jobs, standing no-relief duty over long stretches as regular policemen, firemen, doctors, public utility workers etc.

Others, employed by major industries, served best cleaning muck from, and repairing, the plants where they work normally, to get employment going again.

In pic 12, Legionnaire Adrian St. George works in regular job with Putnam, Conn., water dep't to restore water



1. View from used car lot of Legionnaire Frank Madin, Winsted, Conn. Madin stood emergency police duty with members of Post 431 while the Mad River destroyed his new-car showroom, service station & used car lot.



2. Ruin around WWI Memorial Bridge, Quinebaug River, Putnam, Conn. At spot marked X, plumbing shop of Legionnaire Bill Rafferty stood.

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3. Exhausted policeman at Naugatuck, Conn., handling traffic mess 6 days after flood.

main that once ran under Putnam's brand new WWII Memorial Bridge.

Bridge once stood where St. George stands. Behind him is burned out magnesium plant that set fires in flood in Quinebaug valley.

Special agencies: High percentage of Legionnaires in disaster area were already affiliated with disaster agencies — Nat'l Guard, Civil Defense, Red Cross.

Example: Majority of members of Post 13, Putnam, were in Nat'l Guard or Civil Defense, and stood disaster duty in those capacities.

Item: A week after flood, Nat'l Guard Cap't John W. Cahan, Past Cmdr of Post 13, Putnam, (pic 14), was still on duty as C.O. of 2 companies of 169th Infantry Reg.

Cahan's insurance office badly damaged by inundation.

Master Sgt. Wilbur Cotnoir, (Co.C, 169th), member of Post 13, had nothing but catnaps during 1st week of militia duty after flood.

In pic 9, Cotnoir guards homes in Manhas-set housing development, Putnam. All 85 homes in the development were declared a total loss.

Norman Levesque, Putnam, Cmdr of Connecticut 4th District, worked with Civil Defense while he and wife lived with other evacuees in schoolhouse.

In pic 11, Levesque stands before his home. High water mark on home was clearly marked by oil as 10,000 gallon tank in nearby plant burst, saturated Levesque's home, furnishings with heavy oil.

Floating volunteers: Outstanding service was given by hundreds of Legion people who relieved peak loads for many disaster agencies.

Thus, Marie Fontaine (pic 13) moved from job to job during crisis, as one agency after another needed extra help. She is Pres. of Unit 13, Putnam.

Mrs. Fontaine issued police passes, helped establish Red Cross emergency station, registered people for typhoid shots for health dep't, issued radio appeals, ended first week issuing clothes, food at Legion Post.

In pic 13, Mrs. Fontaine checks Legion elements in Conn. that sent relief supplies earliest to Putnam Post.

Long list included, among earliest, Districts 1 and 4, and Posts and Units 156 Moodus; 9 New London; 64 East Hampton.

Special jobs: Some Legionnaires found themselves prepared or equipped to do special jobs.

Thus, members of Post 6, New Britain, Conn., owned an antique fire engine they'd bought for parade fun.

In the weeks after the flood, the antique engine and its owners did emergency water pumping in stricken towns up and down the Naugatuck, Housatonic, Mad, Farmington, Nepaug, Still and Connecticut river valleys.

A heavy burden fell upon public officials, especially police, as emergency continued days and weeks.

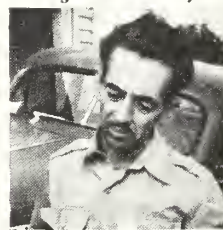
Police were groggy, long on duty,



4. Winsted: Legionnaire Henry MacPherson & ruins.



5. John Darcey



6. Gallant



7. Torrington: Harlan Woolford & chaos.



8. Ruzbasan & traffic.

short on sleep as their work went on unabated into 2nd week in such badly hit towns as:

Winsted, Waterbury, Naugatuck, Derby, Union City, Torrington, Washington, Putnam, Conn.;
Ellenville, Port Jervis, Narrowsburg, N. Y.;
Belvidere, Newton, Frenchtown, Lambertville, N. J.;
Woonsocket, Pawtucket, R. I.;
Worcester, Springfield, Southbridge, Charlton, Uxhall, Mass.;
Stroudsburg, Scranton, Reading, Easton, Lehigh, Pa.

To name a few.

Pic 3 shows harried Naugatuck policeman in 7th day of exhausting duty at chaotic intersection.

Even small boys were enlisted to act as traffic police at detours.

The prospect of sightseers a week after flood loomed as a fresh catastrophe to exhausted officials of ruined Winsted, Conn.

Winsted was one of several towns where a trained, deputized American Legion auxiliary police unit (of Post 431) already existed.

The 26 men and 2 women of this special police group gave yeoman service, after a close call on Aug. 19.

Regulars and most of the Legion special police were trapped by swift-rising water on 2nd floor of Winsted town hall in the act of mustering for emergency duty at 1 a.m.

Descending after 12 hours nightmarish imprisonment, where they helplessly watched most of the business section roar past them, they began days of relief labors that meant up to 72 hours with scarcely a break for some.

Six days later, distant cities sent police detachments to relieve Winsted's groggy law forces.

Torrington, Conn., also mustered a trained police reserve, composed mostly of Legionnaires of Post 38, that stood duty through and after the flood.

Post 86, Newton, N. J., speedily organized a Legion police auxiliary on the spot, as Newton was cut off from help.

In addition to general chaos, rescue and evacuation work, traffic alone posed wearing problems as arteries had to be rerouted, way made for rescue movements, while traffic converged on few remaining bridges.

In pic 4, Legionnaire Henry MacPherson stands in Winsted's ruins.

After flood receded, special policeman MacPherson returned to his Railway Express job, handled traffic routed along railway station platform 6 days after flood by darting out of office to tend each snarl.

Pic 5 shows Legionnaire John Darcey, exhausted but still on special police duty in Winsted week after flood.

Darcey, MacPherson and Arthur E. Roberts head Winsted Legion police unit. Winsted Post Cmdr. Herb Booth worked first 6 days with 10 hours sleep.

Pic 6 shows exhaustion of Legion special policeman Raoul Gallant.

Gallant was one of those trapped in Winsted town hall while mustering, watched his ice cream parlor vanish in downstreet cataract. He pitched in to help town. When photoed, had no idea how he'd survive his business loss.

In pics 7 & 8, Legionnaires of Torrington's auxiliary police handle traffic chaos.

Pic 7 shows Harlan K. Woolford, captain of special police and service officer of Post 38 at point where tributary to Naugatuck River wiped out homes, half ruined a bridge.

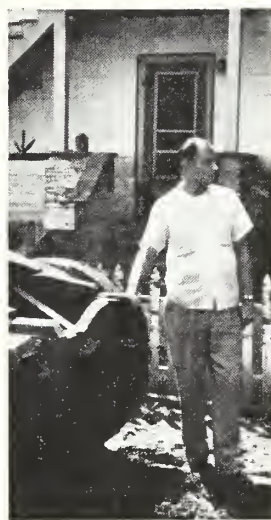
In pic 8, Legionnaire Steven Ruzbasan handles a Torrington flood traffic tangle.



9. Putnam: Legionnaire & Master Sgt. Cotnoir guarding devastation.



10. Legion food.



11. Levesque & oil.



12. St. George.



13. Mrs. Fontaine.



14. Gahan.



15. Putnam: Legion clothes.

Torrington special police were mustered at 1 a.m. Aug. 19, handled evacuation during flood; traffic tangles in days that followed.

Torrington Legion Auxiliaries of Unit 38 dispensing emergency clothing in Post home in pic 16 are Lillian Mallette and Alice French.

Pic 10 shows Lawrence Moran, member of Post 13, Putnam, getting emergency food at Post home. Moran's home was one of 20,000 wrecked by flood.



16. Torrington: Legion clothes.

CHILD WELFARE:

Whopping Report

The last child welfare year (June 1, 1954-May 31, 1955) was a record breaker for The American Legion Child Welfare Commission. The records: (1) \$7,338,605.61, the greatest amount ever in one year, was spent by the Legion and its three affiliated organizations (the American Legion Auxiliary, the 40&8, and the 8&40); a greater number and percentage of Posts—43%—submitted child welfare reports than ever before; (3) a greater number of 40&8 Grandes Voitures—41—made child welfare reports than ever before.

In 1925, the first year that money was spent on the program, \$40,911 was expended. Since then The American Legion and its affiliated organizations have

spent a whopping \$125,094,301.33 of *their own funds* on child welfare work.

Nat'l Child Welfare Director Randel Shake notes that: "The biggest amount of child welfare work is not included in these figures—it is in the understanding of children's needs that the 50,000 child welfare volunteers get by working in this program." Thus, Shake notes, there is no way to measure in money the good accomplished by Post 245, St. Louis, Mo., whose members taught 25 blind children how to swim; no way to measure Legion and Auxiliary work to improve comic books; no way to measure Legion child welfare work in focusing public attention on mentally retarded children.

Other children's benefits outstanding in Child Welfare Year include:

(1) Since the passage of Resolution

#644 (at the 1954 Nat'l Convention) which called for The American Legion to review legislation that provides educational benefits to children, 18 States have either passed such laws where none previously existed or have liberalized them. Last year 2,754 children of deceased or disabled vets in 27 of the 42 States that have reported benefited by State aid for education; the 27 spent \$834,064.16 for such aid.

(2) More than 5,000 requests for scholarship information were serviced by the Child Welfare Commission last year, and Nat'l Hq alone assisted 726 Posts and 366 Units with scholarship information.

(3) Total amount contributed to the March of Dimes by these Posts and Units that reported this activity was \$165,000.

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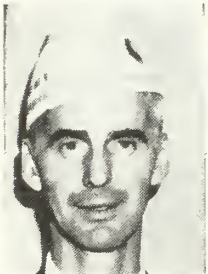
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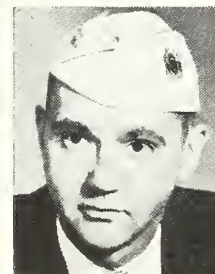
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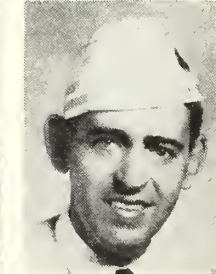
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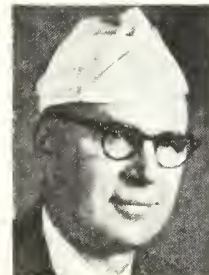
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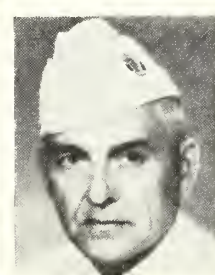
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WEST VIRGINIA:

New Dep't Hq

The Dep't of West Virginia dedicated new Hq at Charleston, Aug. 7. The 8-room, 2-story, buff brick building cost total of \$80,000.

The dedication ceremonies climaxed the Department's long search for a Legion-owned home. The search began officially in 1945 with the formation of a committee for that purpose—with Past Dep't Cmdr Charles E. Booth (Huntington) as chairman.

New Hq is located in the same block as the Governor's Mansion, and a block and a half from the State Capitol, fits well with other buildings that dot ritzy Kanawha Boulevard.

The Hq was officially transferred to the Dep't at the dedication when special building trustees chmn Booth presented the lease to Dep't Cmdr Leonal O. Bickel.

Past Nat'l Cmdr Louis A. Johnson (of Post 13, Clarksburg) delivered the de-

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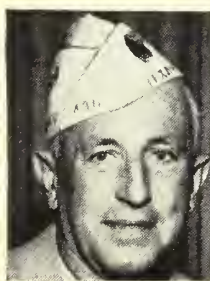
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The Warden

Many hunters regard the game warden as an enemy. Sometimes it is a guilty conscience that prompts this thinking. Actually, if hunters could realize that the warden's job is to preserve and make possible the very thing they want most in the world—good hunting—a new day would dawn in sportsmanship. Let's first obey the game laws scrupulously, then do everything we can to make the life of this hard working friend of good hunting a little easier.

Kids Clubs — An Idea!

Shooting accidents never happen without reason. All experienced shooters agree on that. They are always caused by someone's carelessness, which brings up the subject of educating the young shooter in the handling of fire arms. Already, several schools for teen agers have been organized. Why not organize one in your neighborhood, to include your own son and the sons of your friends? A little time spent in the backyard or basement; first, to teach proper assembling of a gun and its care, followed by occasional trips into the nearby country for proper loading, handling and target work, will prevent accidents in later years.

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West Virginia: New Dep't Headquarters

dicatory address. He urged that the Legion be vigilant about the dangers that threaten our country and about the needs of our national defense. Johnson warned that the Legion should avoid "false hopes of peace and deceitful delusions of security."

The flag that will fly over the new Hq was presented to the Color Guard on behalf of the trustees by Past Nat'l Cmdr Donald R. Wilson (of Post 13, Clarksburg).

AMERICANISM:

Junior Baseball Finals

Post 216, Cincinnati, Ohio won the 1955 American Legion Junior Baseball Championship by defeating Post 31, Washington, D.C., 10 to 4 on Sept. 3, at St. Paul, Minn. Cincinnati had lost its first series game to Washington on Aug. 30, by a score of 6 to 5.

The four team series which went to seven games was highlighted by four games decided by one run and one extra inning game.

Cincinnati entered the Finals with a record of 32 wins and only three losses.

Washington was undefeated until the Series.

Cincinnati beat Post 3, Lincoln, Neb. 1 to 0 on Aug. 31. The defeat eliminated Lincoln which had previously lost to Post 14, Salisbury, N.C., 6 to 3.

Washington beat Salisbury on Aug. 31. 7 to 6. The Tar Heels were eliminated by Cincinnati the next day in a ten-inning game, 6 to 5.

On Sept. 2, Cincinnati evened the score with Washington by beating them 10 to 5 and in the rubber game the next day won the title by a score of 10 to 4.

Third baseman Frank Birri of Post 216, Cincinnati was voted the Legion Player of the Year. Sid Keener, Director of the Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N.Y. gave him the trophy.

Leading hitter in the series was Lincoln's Rich (Yogi) Hergenrader, second baseman-pitcher who ended up with a .389 average. He was followed by two Cincinnati players, Ray Weber who hit

.382 and Gary Haverkamp who hit .369.

Scouts from 13 major league clubs were in the stands during the series. Among the stand-out players they watched were Salisbury catcher Virgil Bernhardt whose strong throwing arm was impressive and who hit an inside-the-park home run.

The 1955 title won by Post 216 was the 4th for a Cincinnati Post. The other three titles were won by Post 50 of that city in 1944, 1947 and 1952.

BRIEFLY NOTED:

► Secretary of State John Foster Dulles (Post 68, Washington, D.C.) will deliver a major policy speech at the opening session of the Nat'l Convention at Dinner Key Auditorium, Miami, Fla., on Mon., Oct. 10.

► Frank Viasck, Cmdr of Post 153, Mart, Tex., has been commander of 8 American Legion Posts, and in each the membership record during his term of office was the highest on record.

► More than 1,000 New Jersey members of The American Legion and Auxiliary attended ground breaking for the \$75,000 memorial amphitheater at the VA hospital at Lyons, N.J. Posts in N.J. raised \$60,000 for the new structure.

► In early Sept. Nat'l Cmdr Seaborn P. Collins sent to Post Commanders a memo which read in part "... I would like to be able to present to your new National Commander an advance paid up membership for 1956 far in excess of any previous advance membership.

► Dates which now determine eligibility for membership in The American Legion are: Apr. 6, 1917-Nov. 11, 1918; Dec. 7, 1941-Sept. 2, 1945; and June 25, 1950-July 27, 1953.

► "American Legion Weeks"—period of intensive membership drive—this year begin Oct. 20, end Nov. 11. Mats of the "AL Weeks" cooperative newspaper advertisements (Posts can sponsor the ads themselves or solicit cooperative sponsors among local business houses) are available free upon request to Membership & Post Activities Division, P. O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, Ind.

► Sheet music copies of *The American*

Legion March, the Legion's official marching song, by Capt. Samuel R. Lodboda, will be available at music shops about Oct. 1. The march, published by Carl Fischer, Inc., N.Y., will be arranged for (1) bands, (2) male and mixed choruses, and (3) piano.

► The U.S. Brewers Foundation, in appreciation of the principles of The American Legion, has invited all Legionnaires and Auxiliaries at the Nat'l Convention to its free program of fun and fireworks at the Orange Bowl, Oct. 12, 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

RECENT POST DOINGS:

☐ The 1956 membership of three Colorado Posts exceeded their 1955 marks by early Aug. They are Post 57, LaVeta; Post 3, Ramah; Post 34, Bunnell.

☐ Early in July Post 799, Buffalo, N.Y., hit a new all-time membership high. New total: 4,037.

☐ At the corn feed kicking off their 1956 membership drive, members of Post 113 Marshall, Minn., devoured: 1,000 ears of corn, 68 lbs. of hot dogs, 41 doz. buns, 13 lbs. of butter.

☐ Robert Brandon had to travel from his home to his newsstand in a wheel chair until Post 1768, Mount Vernon, N. Y., gave him an auto.

☐ For the fourth successive year Post 221, Massillon, Ohio, gave 1,000 young trees to the city park system.

☐ Twenty-one men and two women members of Post 190, Brookfield, Ill., have given nearly 2,000 hours of their time to feeding bed patients at Hines-Vaughan VA Hospital, Chicago.

☐ Post 1038, Valhalla, N.Y., has made its Post headquarters available as a school building for a class for the education of retarded children in the area.

☐ Post 3, Macon, Ga., helped raise an All-Georgia Company of Navy recruits and gave a dinner dance for the recruits after they had been sworn in.

☐ Students at Marietta (Ohio) College broadcast "An Eye On The Dipper," anti-communist play that appeared in *The American Legion Magazine*. Post 64, Marietta, sponsored the show. Legionnaire Paul A. Hill, a student, produced it.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS:

John J. Fornacca, Past Cmdr. Dep't of Italy (1954-55), awarded Order of Merit by the Italian government for his work on behalf of Italo-American tourist activities.

Hugh McKenna, member of Post 1, Omaha, Nebr., elected President of the Nat'l Jr. Chamber of Commerce.

Robert D. Morrow, former member of NEC from Miss. (1950-55), elected Treasurer of the State of Mississippi.

Norman A. Johnson, Jr., Chmn of American Legion Nat'l Economic Commission, elected Public Service Commissioner of the State of Mississippi.

Telephone Diary

Housewife tells how family's telephones
save steps, time and worry—day and night



4 A. M.

Jack's a sound sleeper but he woke up fast when he heard the news. "It's a boy!" he shouted. "Nearly eight pounds. Mary's fine." Then I talked and Jack talked. Bless that bedroom telephone!



8 A. M. to 11 A. M.

Just couldn't wait to tell Betty and Peggy about the baby. Then I ordered Jack's favorite roast for dinner and was lucky to get a hairdresser appointment. A grandmother must keep young!



5 P. M.

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Louis F. Jordan, became staff member of The American Legion Field Service succeeding Auty Tyner in the Oklahoma-Texas territory.

Dr. Philip M. Corboy, NEC member from Dep't of Hawaii, received award for meritorious work in the field of health from Louis de Guiringaid, French Consul General at San Francisco.

Died:

John L. McDermott, alt. member of NEC from Dep't of Panama, C.Z., and member of Nat'l Rehab. Advisory Board, in Balboa, C.Z.

Marvin Harris, Past Dep't Cmdr of Arkansas (1939-40), in Sheridan, Ark., after a long illness.

Brig. Gen. Fred Warde Llewellyn, a founder of The American Legion, and a member of the original committee of 17 who met in Paris in Feb. 1919 to discuss formation of vets' organization. He also attended the Paris Caucus.

CONVENTION:

Places and dates of major importance at the Miami Nat'l Convention, Oct. 10-13 include:

American Legion Nat'l Hq Hotel, Hotel McAllister, 10 Biscayne Blvd., Miami.

Convention Corp. Hq, Hotel Miami-Colonial, 146 Biscayne Blvd., Miami.

REHAB HISTORY MAKERS IN ILLINOIS



All living Past Cmdrs of Post 279, Jacksonville, Ill. (30 in all) gathered at this dinner on July 29 as guests of Grant Hughes, 1926-27 Cmdr. Since its inception, Post has been a force in rehabilitation in Illinois, exerted great influence in care of mentally disabled vets. Past Nat'l Cmdr John Stelle (Ill.) addressed group, lauded its leadership. Post has been guardian of 700 mentally disabled vets since 1920's.

Auxiliary Hq, Delano Hotel, 1685 Collins Ave., Miami Beach.

40 & 8 Hq Hotel, Delido Hotel, Collins Ave. and Lincoln Road, Miami Beach.

8 & 40 Hq Hotel, Delano Hotel.

Convention Sessions

American Legion Opening Session, Dinner Key Auditorium, Miami, 10:15 a.m., Oct. 10.

Further American Legion Business

Sessions, Bay Front Auditorium, Miami, Oct. 12-13.

Auxiliary Convention Sessions, Municipal Auditorium, Miami Beach, Oct. 10, 12, 13.

40 & 8 Convention Sessions, Delido Hotel, Oct. 8-12.

8 & 40 Convention Sessions, Ocean Front Auditorium, 10th & Ocean Drive, Miami Beach, Oct. 7-8.

Events

Society of American Legion Founders Dinner, Casablanca Hotel, Miami Beach, 7:00 p.m., Oct. 8.

American Legion Memorial Service, Bandshell, Bay Front Park, Miami, 7:00 p.m., Oct. 9.

Drum & Bugle Corps Finals, Orange Bowl, 7:00 p.m., Oct. 10.

Dep't Chaplains Breakfast, McAllister Hotel, Miami, 8:30 a.m., Oct. 11.

Dep't Historians Breakfast, Biscayne Terrace Hotel, Miami, 8:30 a.m., Oct. 11.

Grand Parade, Miami, 4:30 p.m., Oct. 11.

Free Show and Fireworks, Orange Bowl, 7:00 p.m., Oct. 12.

National Commander's Dinner, Fontainebleau Hotel, 44th St., Miami Beach, Oct. 10.

All States Dinner, Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, Oct. 12.

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Army

1st Div, 16th Inf, Co L - Need to contact these men who fought in the Argonne Forest with me in last week of Sept. and first week of Oct. 1918: Pastwa (Ill.); Threadway (Mont.); Russo (R.I.); Chapman (Mo.); Basket (Wis.); Wells (Wis.); and any others who may remember me. I got the flu at St. Michel in Sept. in a drenching rain. We then moved to

a point behind the Argonne Forest before we relieved the 33rd Div. The rain continued. In the Argonne I fainted from lack of food; I had been unable to eat for two days. I was hit Oct. 2, and left for the hospital at Dijon. I was a runner with Abe Williams of New York. Write me, **Mike Krinke**, Grand Marsh, Wis.

1st Pioneer Inf, Co B—In order to establish claim, need to contact anyone who served with me in WW1 when I was injured on the hand railroad in Montfaucon, France. Write me, **Harry J. Flynn**, 172 Kingsley St., Buffalo 8, N. Y.

7th Div, 7th MP Co—In order to establish claim, need to contact anyone who knew **Pfc Osiph Shukan** who was gassed in France in 1918. Write his widow, Mrs. Eva Shukan, 70-22 57th Road, Maspeth, N. Y.

8th FA Obsn Bn, Hq Battery—Need to contact Cornelius D. Donovan who was 1st Sgt of this battery. His last known address was Chicago. Anyone knowing his present address write me, **George E. Howell**, Main St. and Kelly Ave., Oak Hill, W. Va. Claim pending.

14th Cavalry, Troop E—While in recruit training at Del Rio, Tex., about Jan. 1914 I had boils for which I did not receive medical attention. Need to contact anyone who remembers this. Especially recall Capt Winterburn, 1st Sgt Boyce, and 1st Lt Heard. Write me, **Hugh H. Reeves**, 176 N. Main St., Rittman, Ohio. Claim pending.

19th Station Hospital—My late husband, **Capt Alfred P. Collins**, suffered from amoebic dysentery while he was administrative head of this hospital in Iran in WW2. He was known as "Pops" Collins. He lost a great deal of weight one spring, and I believe he was a patient in the hospital for a time. In order to establish claim, I need to hear from someone who served with him or who knows of his illness. Write me, Mrs. Katherine Collins, Rensselaer, Ind.

55th CAC, Battery C—Need to contact anyone who served in this outfit with **Grady G. Reynolds** or anyone who knows of his illness in France. Write his widow, Mrs. Grady G. Reynolds, 223 N. Sanchez St., Ocala, Fla.

96th Div—In order to establish claim, I need to contact someone who served with me in France in WW1. Write me, **Elmer Burnam**, c/o Thomas J. Mitchell, County Service Officer, P.O. Box 107, Ukiah, Calif.

1383rd Engr Petroleum Distribution Co—In order to establish claim, need to hear from: Julian G. Baird (Calif.); Robert S. Christie, Jr. (N.Y.); James W. Copeland (Okla.); Malcolm R. Fisher (Pa.); David C. Hammer (Ind.); George J. Kucera (Ill.); Bertram E. LeNoir, Jr. (W.Va.); Albert L. Lyons, Jr. (S.C.); Elmer C. Reichert (Ill.); Charles H. West (Pa.). Write me, **Roy I. Duncan**, Sentinel, Okla.

3221st QM Service Co—Need to contact anyone who served with me at Fort Lewis or in the ETO. Especially need to hear from someone who recalls the severe headaches from which I suffered. Write me, **James H. Thompson**, P.O. Box 21, Rippon, W.Va. Claim pending.

Camp Stanley, Tex.—Need to contact Lt Brown with whom I served in the 44th FA, 25th Trench Mortar Bn in 1918. I think that he came from North or South Carolina. Anyone knowing his whereabouts write me, **Engene Gunning**, 229 E. Willow St., Enid, Okla. Claim pending.

MTC 430—Need to contact those who served with me at Le Havre, France, in 1918 and 1919. In Feb. 1919 I was hospitalized because of influenza and trench mouth. The 1st Sgt occupied the bed next to mine. Write me, **Herman R. Holmes**, R.Box 60, Lac du Flambeau, Wis. Claim pending.

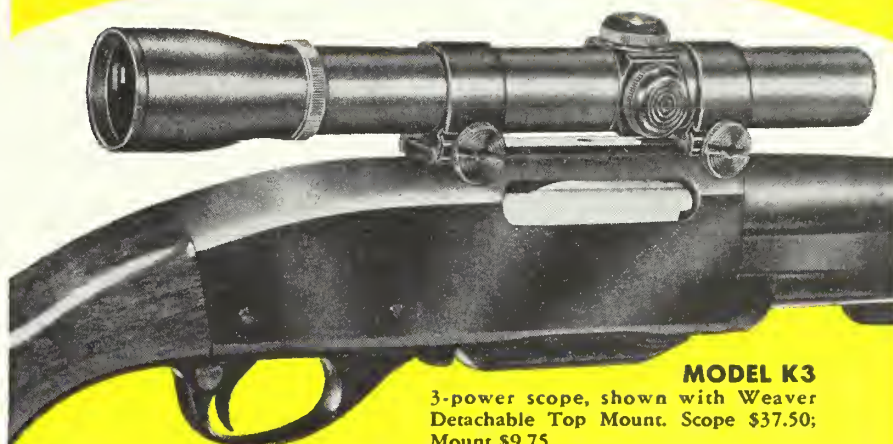
Navy

Cherry Point, N. C.—In 1942, while serving with the 48th Bomb Sqdn (U.S. Army Air Forces) my back was injured as a result of a depth bomb explosion at Cherry Point. Need to hear from any Navy doctors or medical corpsmen who came to the flight line to pick up the injured caused by the depth bomb explosion. Especially need to hear from Sergeants Gaver, Yoakum, Downs, and Howeth of the 48th Bomb Sqdn. Write me, **Howard B. Williams**, 4765 Central Ave., Riverside, Calif.

Thomas Jefferson ("Cal") Coolidge—This retired Navy man owned and operated the Luzon Bar in Manila. He answered the reserve call, and took a barge of men and food to Corregidor. Need to contact anyone who knew or heard about him on Corregidor. Also need to contact any crew member of the PT boat on which he went to Olongopo, and need to learn the names of the 6 men who made up the crew of the PT boat which Cal was on before Manila fell, and anyone who knows about his activities in Camp Cabanatuan. Also need the addresses of: Edwarda Bennedotte (the native girl who kept books for Cal); B. Phillips; I. Adams; John Pecoria; Raymond ("Blackie") Wells (Cal's former bartender). Any other information about Cal would be appreciated. Write Miss Zelma Coolidge, 16 W. 74th St., New York, N. Y.

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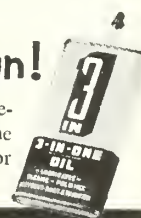
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with his hand. Aboard the USS West Point at Wellington, New Zealand, Jan. 29-30, 1942, he suffered from a nose difficulty. In order to establish claim, need to hear from someone who recalls either of these difficulties. Write Mrs. F. Stanton, 6539 Reedland St., Philadelphia 42, Pa.

USS Montana—While working in the evaporators in 1918 I was treated for an ear infection which followed a ruptured eardrum (believed to have been caused by percussion of gunfire). The ear was treated and bandaged, and the use of a CPO cap cover was recommended to keep the bandages clean and in place. In order to establish claim, need to hear from anyone who served aboard this ship at that time. Recall Paul Ryan and Harry Dieter (then of Shamokin, Pa.). Write former Fireman 2/c Charles M. Seipel, 50 Oliver St., Closter, N. J.

Air

48th Bomb Sqdn—In 1942, while serving with this outfit, my back was injured as a result of a depth bomb explosion at Cherry Point, N. C. Need to hear from any Navy doctors or medical corpsmen who came to the flight line to pick up the injured caused by the depth bomb explosion. Especially need to hear from Sergeants Gaver, Yoakum, Downs, and Howeth of the 48th Bomb Sqdn. Write me, Howard B. Williams, 4765 Central Ave., Riverside, Calif.

1899th Engr Aviation Bn—While serving on Guam in WW2 I was treated for a nose infection for 17 months. I recall the doctor, Capt Meyer C. Thorne and one of his aides, S/Sgt Edward M. Pressley. In order to establish claim, need to hear from someone who served with me or who remembers my difficulty, or who knows the present addresses of Dr. Thorne or S/Sgt Pressley. Write me, David A. McCray, 425 Church St., N.W., Decatur, Ala.

Base Air Depot #2, ETO—In order to establish claim, I need to hear from anyone who remembers that I was hospitalized in 1944 because of measles. Especially need to hear from Maj Jones (medical officer); W. D. Henderson (Supply Sgt); 1st Sgt Ratcliff. Write me, Andrew B. Charrier, Cottonport, La.

Channte Field, Ill.—During Mar. and Apr. 1945 I was treated for supposed frostbite, but there

was some uncertainty about this diagnosis. In order to establish claim, I need to contact the Lt Col who was chief medical officer of the hospital or his second in command. Write me, James D. Stiteler, Farlington, Kans.

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Army

4th Ill. Inf (later 130th Inf)—(Oct.) Joe R. Duck, 202 E. Crawford St., Paris, Ill.

5th Field Bn, Signal Corps—(Oct.) Jean L. De Camp, 605 Locust St., Texarkana, Ark.-Tex.

8th Div—(Nov.) Henry M. Buckley, 375 9th St., San Francisco, Calif.

8th Evac Hosp (WW1)—(Oct.) Wm. K. Van Ars-dale, 303 North Ave., Greer, S.C.

18th Engineers, Ry—(Nov.) Carlos R. Zener, 507 Lloyd Bldg., Seattle 1, Wash.

36th Tank Bn—(Oct.) Joseph A. Pellicano, 331 Holt Drive, Pearl River, N. Y.

65th Div—(Oct.) James N. Robertson, 111 N. Olive St., Media, Pa.

80th FA, Battery D—(Nov.) C. T. Schwigert, 1906 S. St., SE., Washington 20, D.C.

82nd Div (WW1)—(Oct.) Edward C. Ellinger, 82nd Div Ass'n, 28 E. 39th St., New York 16, N. Y.

87th Div—(Sept.-Oct.) Donald F. McCabe, 4429 Elbridge St., Philadelphia 35, Pa.

99th Inf Bn (Sep) (WW2)—(Nov.) Clifford Haugen, 317 21st Ave. North, Fargo, N. Dak.

118th Inf, Co E (WW1)—(Nov.) W. S. Fore, Box 178, Union, S.C.

129th Inf, 2nd Bn—(Nov.) George Brya, Wadsworth, Ill.

130th FA, Batteries C & D—(Oct.) Russell L. Johnson, Hotel Stilwell, Pittsburg, Kans.

130 Inf (Formerly 4th Ill. Inf)—(Oct.) Joe R. Duck, 202 E. Crawford St., Paris, Ill.

138th Inf, Co I (WW1)—(Nov.) A. L. Bardgett, 1240 Arch Terrace, St. Louis 17, Mo.

145th Inf, Co G (WW1)—(Nov.) Bill Cullen, 1317 Duncan Ave., Cincinnati 8, Ohio.

158th Field Hosp (WW1)—(Nov.) G. Conrad Baker, 1937 Park Ave., San Jose 26, Calif.

311th Inf, Companies G & H (WW1)—(Nov.) Wm. F. Suart, 1018 Plainfield Ave., Plainfield, N.J.

314th Engrs (WW1)—(Nov.) C. A. Koenig, 8936 Laclede Station Rd., St. Louis 23, Mo.

322nd Field Signal Bn (Northern Calif.)—(Nov.) L. Roy Moser, 128 Perry St., San Francisco, Calif.

322nd Field Signal Bn (Southern Calif.)—(Nov.) Dave C. Levenson, 542 S. Broadway, Los Angeles, Calif.

323rd FA (Light) (WW1)—(Nov.) Edward C. Ifft, 1306 8th Ave., Beaver Falls, Pa.

332nd Signal Co, Wing—(Oct.) Joseph Nickels, 3719 W. 69th St., Chicago, Ill.

511th Engr Light Pontoon Co—(Oct.) Harry Lang, 392 N. 8th St., Paterson 2, N.J.

609th Engr LE Co—(Oct.) John Lupton, Louisa, Va.

802nd TD Bn—(Oct.) Thomas W. McCutchan, 428 White Road, Mineola, N. Y.

Evac Hosp No. 37—(Nov.) Max A. Goldstein, 120 S. LaSalle St., Chicago 3, Ill.

Retreads—(Oct.) Dorothy Frooks, 237 Madison Ave., New York 16, N. Y.

Sandy's 117th Inf Band (WW1)—(Oct.) Fred J. Becker, 911 Clifton Place, Chattanooga 4, Tenn.

Transportation Corps, AEF—(Nov.) John J. Rudolph, 3176 Merriell Ave., Camden 5, N. J.

Women World War Vets—(Oct.) Dorothy Frooks, 237 Madison Ave., New York 16, N. Y.

Navy

6th Seahees—(Oct.) James S. Trainer, Steelville, Mo.

Nat'l Yeomen (F)—(Oct.) Lucille Allen, 303 Aledo Ave., Coral Gables, Fla.

North Sea Mine Force (WW1)—(Oct.) J. J. Kammer, 54 Walnut Ave., Floral Park N. Y.

Ship Salvage—(Oct.) Jerry Roberts, 117 Croydon Road, Yonkers, N. Y.

USS Guest—(Oct.) James J. Fischer, 33½ Isabel Ave., Glenolden, Pa.

USS Leedstown Survivors—(Nov.) Frank A. Wiseman, 126 W. 82nd St., New York, N. Y.

USS Pocahontas (WW1)—(Oct.) R. Fairley Morris, Box 117, Maxton, N.C.

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Invested Funds	1,159,101.91
Permanent Trusts:	
Overseas Graves Decoration Trust Fund	\$ 256,123.35
Employees' Retirement Trust Fund	1,887,351.23
Real Estate	973,972.65
Furniture and Fixtures, less Depreciation	238,222.12
Deferred Charges	99,319.99
	<u>\$5,490,896.25</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED REVENUE AND NET WORTH	
Current Liabilities	\$ 333,390.51
Funds restricted as to use.....	28,836.82
Deferred Income	887,303.40
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Overseas Graves Decoration Trust Fund	\$ 256,123.35
Employees' Retirement Trust Fund	1,887,351.23
Net Worth:	
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Reserve Fund ..	\$ 23,852.30
Restricted Fund..	18,684.11
Reserve for construction Wash. Bldg. ..	27,998.88
Real Estate	973,972.65
Reserve for Reha- bilitation	422,240.47
Reserve for Child Welfare	36,656.79
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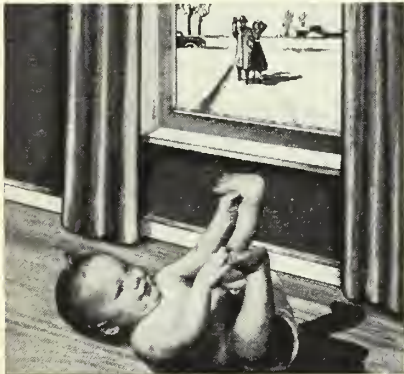
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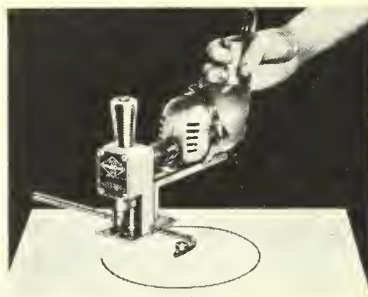
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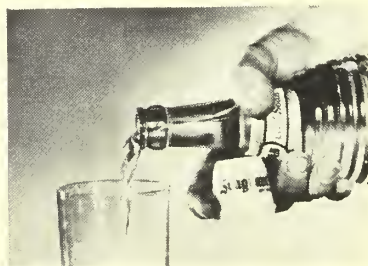
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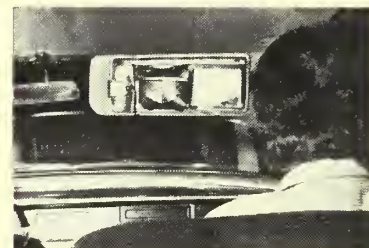
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"Sound off!"

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dated July 14, 1944, published in the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee Hearings on "Interlocking Subversion in Government Departments," page 1650. The Gallup Poll question was: "Can Russia be trusted?" Fifty-eight per cent of those with college training thought Russia could be trusted. Thirty-two per cent said no. And ten per cent were undecided. Fifty-one per cent of the high school graduates thought Russia could be trusted. Thirty-three per cent thought she couldn't be. And 16 per cent were undecided. Forty-one per cent of those with a grammar school education or no schooling at all felt that Russia could be trusted. Thirty-nine per cent thought she could not be. And twenty per cent were undecided. Several conclusions may be drawn. One would be that you have to have brains to be brainwashed. Another would be as Chiang Kai-shek said: "Communism is an intellectual disease." One I like is that we common folks have more common sense.

Alfred Kohlberg
New York City

DEALING WITH DOGS

Sir: Your article in the July issue on rabies is very timely and should be given all publicity possible.

Harry L. Berlin
Columbus, Ohio

SEARCH PARTY

Sir: The Atlantic Union Committee supports a resolution now before both Houses of Congress which would do nothing but create a search party from seven of the principal Atlantic democracies. The delegates to such a meeting would not be bound by their governments nor could they in turn bind their governments. The creation of such a search party was specifically endorsed by our (American Legion) 1950 National Convention, and the majority of the Senators and Congressmen who sponsored the resolution are fellow comrades. Many hundreds of distinguished Americans are members of the Atlantic Union Committee.

Justin Blackwelder, Executive Secretary
Atlantic Union Committee, Inc.
Washington, D. C.

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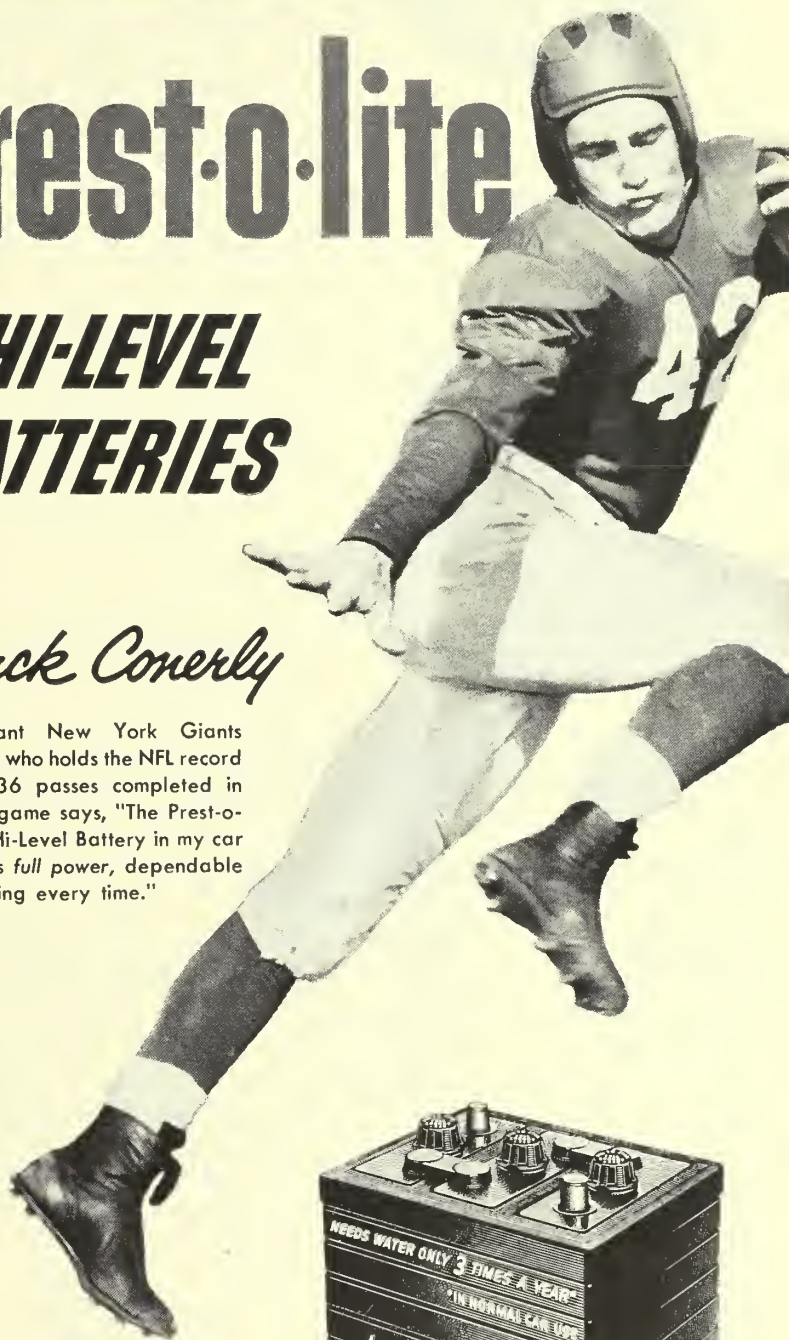
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HOW TO FORECAST WEATHER

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more bad weather coming your way.

Changes in the humidity also go hand-in-hand with weather changes. This is particularly true and particularly noticeable during the warmer months of the year. The weather pros use a gadget called "hygrometer" to measure the moisture in the air. However, you can check the humidity by checking the "dew point," which is the temperature of the air at which any moisture will condense out. The higher the dew point, the more likely it is that the air will give up the moisture it holds in the form of rain.

This is where the glass of ice water comes in handy. Fill a thin glass tumbler with warmish water, drop in an ice cube, and then stir it with a thermometer. Watch the outside of the glass closely. When tiny beads of sweat begin to form, read the thermometer. If it reads more than 65 degrees on a warm day, you can place your bet on a thunderstorm. If it reads less than 60, and the air temperatures have been following their normal rhythm of ups and downs, you can hang up your slicker.

Just about as important as temperature and humidity is the atmospheric pressure. And, as with temperature and humidity, it is not the actual air pressure at any one moment that counts in forecasting, but the changes in air pressure that tell the true weather story.

Lack of understanding of this one basic fact leads a good many people who own expensive and accurate barometers to regard them more as quaint wall decorations than as the sensitive weather forecasting instruments

that they are. What misleads them are the forecast words printed on the dial. After a few outdoor wettings when the pointer indicates "DRY," they give up.

What they fail to realize is that a barometer gives its weather clues by indicating changes in air pressure. Like the thermometer, it must be read at frequent intervals over a period of time so that you can determine whether the air pressure is rising or falling. When the barometer rises—meaning that the pointer points to higher and higher numbers—it shows that a "high" is on the way and that the prospects for fair weather are good. When it falls—the pointer points to lower and lower numbers—it forecasts the approach of a "low" and its characteristic bad weather. A barometer then gives you a good way of keeping tabs on the "highs" and "lows" that control your backyard climate.

But even if you don't own a barometer, or don't feel like investing in one at the beginning of your amateur forecasting career, you can still keep fair track of the "highs" and "lows" by using the back of your neck. All you have to do is stand out in the open where the wind, or whatever breeze is blowing, can get at you. Then slowly turn your body until the prevailing wind blows smack on the back of your neck. You'll be surprised how the hairs on the back of your neck can detect even the slightest zephyr. When you're in that position, the nearest "low"—with its bad weather—will be off to your left and a little forward. The nearest "high"—with its good weather—will be off to



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GREYHOUND

your right and a trifle to the rear. Whichever is directly to the west of you—"low" or "high"—will bring you your future weather. If the test shows that a "low" is to the south and west of you, you can forecast cloudiness with a possible bit of rain. If it indicates that the "low" is to the north of you, it's a fairly safe bet that the bad weather will probably pass you by.

With a little practice, you can even estimate how soon the good or bad weather will be coming your way. If the breeze just pats the back of your neck, your batch of new weather is probably a good 10 to 14 hours away. However, if it really rustles through your neck hairs the chances are good that you'll be having a change within a few hours. The stronger the breeze, in most cases, the sooner the change, good or bad.

Once you have approximated the general locations of your neighborhood "highs" and "lows" you can follow the course of their travels fairly accurately by watching the changes in the direction of the wind. Always remember that the winds in a "low" revolve counterclockwise around the center, while those in a "high" move clockwise.

If your back-of-the-neck test shows that a "low" is off to the west, and the wind shifts from the south to the east,

it is a sign that the "low" is passing to the south of you. Similarly, if the wind shifts from south to west, the "low" is passing to the north. A wind shift from south to north indicates that the "low" has passed over you and is now to the east where it can't do too much to your local weather unless it just decides to sit there and hold up the scheduled arrival of a good-weather "high."

Although it won't work every time, there is a good rule-of-thumb concerning wind shifts that will help you to check your other forecasting observations. Usually, if the wind shifts around counterclockwise (say from north, to west, to south), you won't go too far wrong if you predict bad weather. Conversely, a wind shift that is clockwise generally means a shift to good weather.

Wind directions, however, provide the best weather clues when they are interpreted in conjunction with barometer readings, with one backing up the other.

If the wind, for instance, is coming to you from the quadrant between SW. and NW., and the barometer reads above 30.10 and is steady (neither rising nor falling) all signs point to fair weather with little change in temperature. If the same wind conditions exist, however, and the barometer is either rising or falling, look for warmer

weather and bad weather within two days.

Winds that blow from the quadrant between S. and NE. when the barometer reads 30.10 and is falling generally bring rain within from 8 to 24 hours.

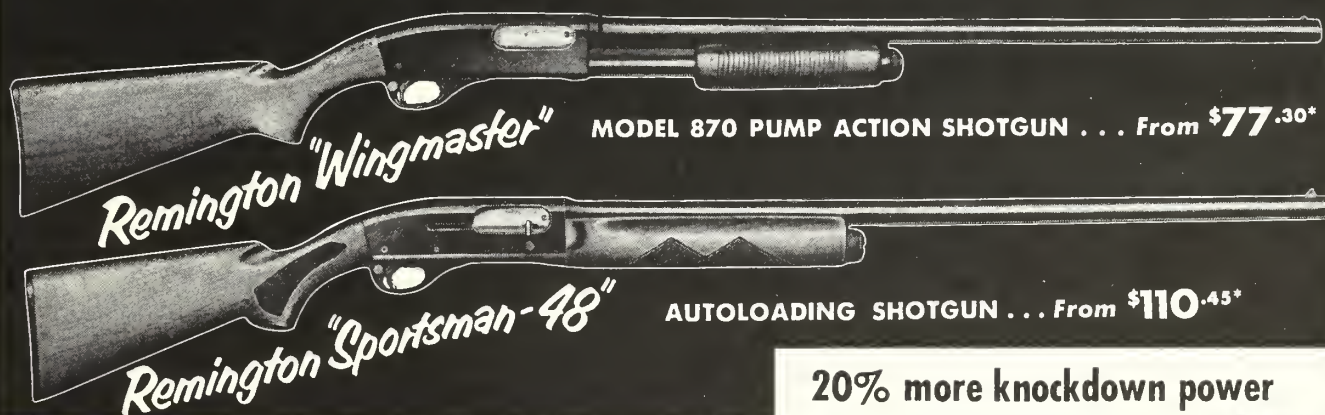
When the wind is from the quadrant between E. and N. and the barometer is falling rapidly, look for gales and heavy weather in the summer and snow plus frigid temperatures in the winter.

Similarly, a SE. wind with the barometer below 30.00 and falling rapidly generally means a storm in a matter of hours, but followed by clearing weather within 24 hours and a drop in temperature.

A wind shift into the N. to W. quadrant and a rising barometer during a spell of bad weather is a welcome clue. It generally means that good weather and a drop in temperature are on the way.

Because the clouds that float across your local sky are born out of the winds and the weather, they can provide you with one of the simplest and best forecasting leads. Most days they are there, and the only trick is to learn to identify them. Some of the common cloud formations are illustrated on pages 22 and 23, but a complete cloud guide book can be obtained from the government by sending 30¢ to the Weather Bureau,

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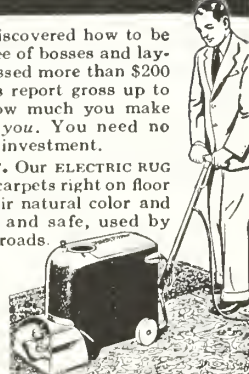
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The thing about the clouds that makes them important to the amateur forecaster is that they tell in graphic form just what is happening to the air pressure, the humidity, the temperature, and the winds. They reflect just about everything that a barometer, hygrometer, and thermometer can tell you. What's more, they're apt to give you the word long before instruments can warn you.

In so far as bad weather is concerned, the clouds to watch for—and hope you won't see—are altostratus, nimbostratus, and cumulonimbus. They are the most common rain and snow clouds and mean bad weather.

The good-weather clouds, for the most part, are cirrus, cumulus, and cirrocumulus.

Again, however, as with temperature, humidity, and air pressure, it is the gradual change in the cloud formations that spot the sky over your backyard that will give you the tip-offs on the weather to come.

We're all familiar with the fluffy, cottony cumulus clouds that form patches of white against a blue sky in good weather. Yet, it is the cumulus cloud that can build up into the cumulonimbus cloud, the towering, billowy cloud with a dark, flat base, that means a thunderstorm. When cumulus clouds start to swell and build up early in the morning, you can look for local storms by midafternoon.

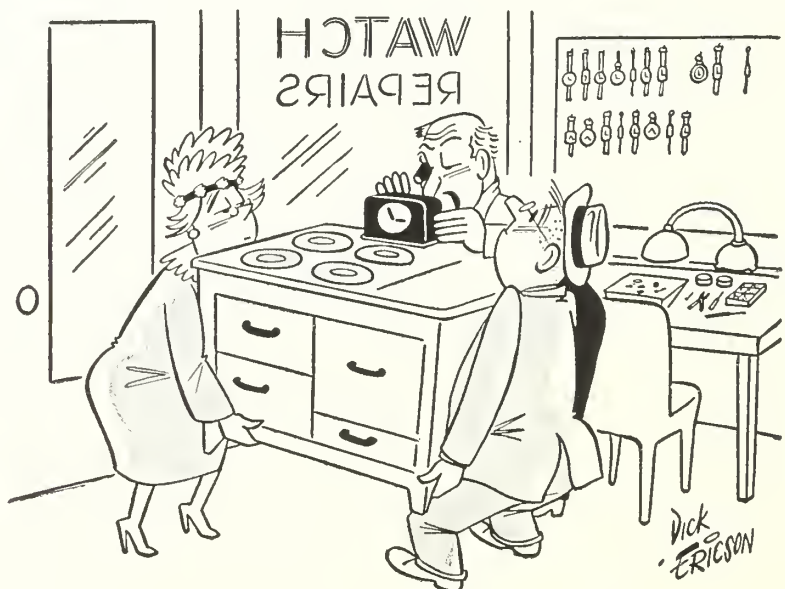
The cirrus cloud, the wispy mare's

tail cloud, that gets its name from the Latin for "curl," is also basically a fair-weather cloud. However, they can develop into cirrostratus clouds that cover the sky with a whitish curtain or veil that usually spells bad weather. It is the cirrostratus cloud that, by refracting the light, causes the familiar ring around the sun or moon. Normally such a ring, or halo, means rain with 10 to 15 hours.

The cirrocumulus cloud is a development of the cirrus cloud. It consists of row upon row of small fluffy white patches that form the much-talked-about (and argued about) "Mackerel Sky." Weatherwise, the cirrocumulus cloud by itself doesn't tell you much. It's what happens to the cirrocumulus cloud that counts. If it degenerates into cirrostratus clouds that lower and thicken, bad weather is a good possibility. On the other hand, if the "Mackerel Sky" gives way to cirrus or degenerates completely, the weather should continue fair.

Cloud formations, like all of the other weather telltales, should not be relied on alone when making your forecasts. All of your observations should be made and weighed one against the other. Watch the cloud formations during the day, but take your temperature readings, dew point readings, and barometer readings as well. Keep track of the locations of the nearest "highs" and "lows" by using the back-of-the-neck test. And watch for changes in the winds. With practice, you'll be able to add them all up and get a good local forecast.

If you want to, you can even bolster your predictions by applying some of the old weather sayings and adages. Not all of them are legends and old wives'



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tales. Many have been proven to have a basis in scientific fact.

If you've often scoffed at the ancient one about "Red sky at night, sailor's delight," don't. Although the earliest version of this proverb goes back to the Bible (Matthew 16, 2 and 3—"When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red."), it stands up against the facts. The red sky at night is an indication that there are few heavy clouds and that the air is dry. Tests have shown that in at least 7 out of 10 times the "red sky at night" proverb holds.

Another saying that holds up is the one that goes, "When dew is on the grass, rain will never come to pass." Dew on the grass means that the night has been cool and dry and the ground has been able to lose its heat. The same holds for frost. It's simply a matter of temperature. If the temperature is above freezing, the moisture condenses out of the air to form dew. If the temperature is below freezing, frost forms.

If you have talked to many old-timers who have lived in the country most of their lives, you've probably heard that "When a cricket chirps faster and faster, hot weather is sure to come." The old-timers aren't so far off the weather beam. Scientists who have studied the ways of the cricket have found it to be a very sensitive thermometer. The frequency of its chirps do increase as the temperature goes up. If you count the chirps of a cricket for 15 seconds and add 37, the total will match the reading of your thermometer just about on the nose!

Even the guides and woodsmen who claim they "can smell rain" aren't too far wrong. Lowering air pressures, which generally precede bad weather, release captive odors from marshes, drainage ditches, and ash-filled fireplaces.

However, when it comes to ground hogs, woolly bears, and Grandpa's aching shoulder you'll do better if you stick to actual weather observations in making your forecasts. Above all, though, don't expect to become a weather prophet overnight. Even predicting the weather in your own backyard takes time and patience plus keen and repeated observations.

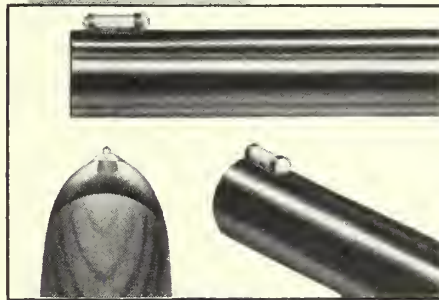
Don't expect to outguess the pro all the time, and even when you don't your amateur weather forecasting can serve as a hobby for all the family—a hobby that can mean fewer pants pressing bills, better picnics, and more enjoyable hunting and fishing trips. But remember, one reading of the temperature, humidity, or air pressure, or one look at the sky doesn't make a forecast. It's the changes that will tip you off to the changes in the weather. THE END

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FIRE FIGHTING THE NEIGHORLY WAY

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home was dotted with open fires needed for heat and light. Indeed, the reason we do not see many more of the fine homes built by the colonists is not because they were torn down or fell down, but because they burned.

Read the history of any older American community, and you'll soon discover that it is highlighted by the dates of the great fires which swept over the community and destroyed the early buildings.

In a country whose structures were largely built of wood, the colonists learned to band together to protect their lives and property from fire. At first there was little more than a bucket brigade, but as early as 1731 New York City had two primitive hand-pumped fire engines brought over from England.

By the time of the Revolution, volunteer fire departments were well established in American life. Membership in the various companies became a mark of social distinction. The names of George Washington and Benjamin Franklin graced the rosters of volunteer companies in Alexandria, Virginia, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The "vamps"—a name which came from a French phrase meaning to go on foot, which is the way volunteers went to fires—took great pride in their equipment and their ability to fight fires.

As the cities grew, so did the volunteer fire departments. But as the buildings got higher and the industrial age created new hazards, agitation began for paid fire departments to take over the job. In the larger cities the volunteers contributed to their own downfall.

By the time of the Civil War they

had become a potent political force, and the rowdier elements thought nothing of letting a building burn while they fought pitched battles with one another in the streets. Most important, they resisted the orders of civic authorities and any attempt to change their equipment or methods of fighting fires.

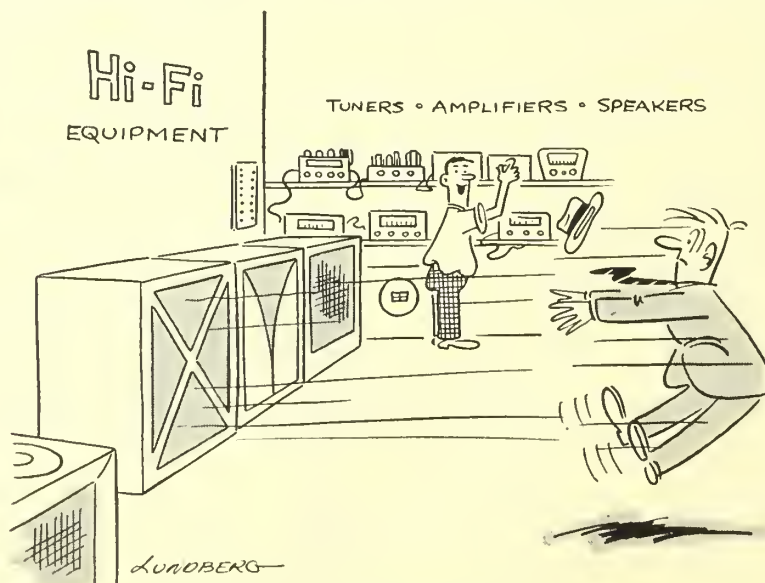
When the war ended, so, for the most part, did the volunteer departments in the major cities. The paid professional fireman took over the job.

The volunteers, of course, never disappeared. What they lacked in know-how and equipment they made up for in numbers and enthusiasm. The vamps remained as the bulwark of fire-fighting forces in the United States, but it was the professionals who developed the techniques and equipment to cope with fires in the spreading cities and tall buildings that were springing up everywhere.

The Civil War ended one period in the volunteer firemen's history, and World War II marked the beginning of another. The vast industrial and military expansion brought on by the war placed terrific burdens on the volunteer departments in the smaller communities. The vamps quickly picked up wartime developments, such as "fog" and "wet water" and the new pumpers and ladder trucks, to handle the increased hazards.

Standard courses of instruction under State direction brought the volunteer up to par with the professional. The vamp was trained to use his equipment to cope with the dangers that faced him.

Manufacturers of fire equipment and apparatus were quick to learn that if



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they had something new and useful, the volunteers were ready to buy and use it. The circle has been completed. Where once it was the professionals who pioneered new methods and equipment while the volunteers lagged, now it is the volunteers who adopt the latest ideas first and try them out.

Many a big city fire chief shakes his head enviously when he sees the equipment used by a neighboring volunteer department. Tied down by small budgets and public indifference, he cannot afford the ingenious "rigs" bought by the volunteers from money which they themselves have raised. It has become a matter of pride with the volunteers to set the pace in equipment and methods. Regardless of their size the departments try to keep up to date.

There's no such thing as a typical volunteer fire department. They range in size from 20-man companies with an aged hand-me-down pumper to such giants as the 8,000-man department in Reading, Pennsylvania, which protects a city of 110,000 people.

In between are such volunteer departments as the 260-man department of Silver Spring, Maryland. First organized in 1915 and equipped with a reel of garden hose and some portable fire extinguishers, the department has grown until today it protects 4½ square miles and 45,000 residents with equipment worth more than \$160,000.

Operating a volunteer department the size of Silver Spring's is almost a full-time job, particularly for the officers. Chief Nelson Thayer, whose regular job is superintendent of a gasoline and oil storage plant, finds that his evenings and weekends are taken up with the paper work and other details necessary to keep the department functioning.

Thayer, who is 43 years old, joined the department in 1948. Active in the department since he joined, he was elected Chief last year. Admission and promotions in most volunteer departments are still largely matters of election by members.

In Silver Spring a newly-elected member is kept on probationary status for a year, and then, if found acceptable, is given full privileges. During the year the "probie" must complete the standard 60-hour University of Maryland basic course in firemanship. The course—one of the best of its kind in the country—provides the new fireman with a working knowledge of the tools, apparatus, and methods used by firemen.

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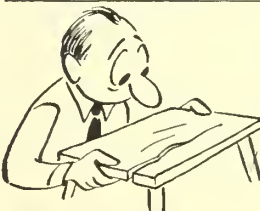
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The department's latest addition to its equipment roster was the \$27,000 rescue wagon. The "Squad" is patterned after similar big city units, but was custom built to Silver Spring specifications. Last year the big wagon rolled to 689 calls.

In all the department has 6 pumpers, 1 aerial ladder truck, the rescue wagon, 2 ambulances, and a utility vehicle. Last year the department responded to more than 456 fire alarms.

The department budget is \$164,000. The money is raised by a special fire tax of 10 cents per 100 dollars of assessed real estate valuation. In Maryland, fire departments are set up as corporations. They operate independently of local government, elect their own officers, and administer their own budgets.

Silver Spring, which borders on Washington, D. C., is a "sleeper" community. Most of its residents work in the District and see their homes only in the evening. Since the residents are also the fire fighters, there is a problem of providing sufficient man power to take care of the daytime fires.

The department has 17 paid men to man the equipment during the day. Four of the men are dispatchers at the Fire Control Board which handles fire, ambulance, and emergency calls for seven southern Maryland communities. The paid men work only during the day. At night five volunteers and an officer sleep in the firehouse. This assures enough men to turn out the minimum number of pieces for fire calls. The additional men needed are called by blowing the siren on the roof of the fire house.

The Fire Board operated by Silver Spring is an outgrowth of an earlier radio system installed in 1943. The radio system in Silver Spring was one of the earliest fire department radio systems east of the Mississippi. The system later expanded to cover nearby communities and is controlled from a Silver Spring firehouse.

All calls for fire, rescue, or ambulance are cleared through the Fire Board. The board also provides a mutual aid program. Mutual aid is nothing

more than one community helping its neighbor when needed. Not too long ago, however, volunteer departments were reluctant, if not downright unwilling, to call for help. They considered it a sign of inefficiency or inability to take care of their own problems. Moreover, a call for help was quite often useless because equipment was not standardized. Threads on hydrants, for example, differed from town to town making it impossible to connect up hose from other communities.

The fear of air attacks during World War II and the Korean War stimulated

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Dunno why, but the parade seems to get longer every year!!



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the development of mutual aid plans throughout the country in the interest of Civil Defense. The system in Montgomery County, where Silver Spring is located, provides a detailed plan for additional help to fight large fires and at the same time "cover" those areas which have been stripped of their fire equipment.

In a community which grew from 17,000 in 1945 to more than 45,000 in 1955, the work of supplying fire protection is never finished. Chief Thayer hopes to build a new firehouse and buy another aerial ladder truck. At present all of the apparatus is quartered in two firehouses. The third house and the new equipment would be located in a recently developed section of Silver Spring.

Most important of all for the people who live in Silver Spring, however, is the willingness of the men of the department to give up their time for training and actual fire fighting. At the risk of their lives, the volunteers demonstrate every day of the year the neighborly way to fight fire.

THE END

ROD AND GUN CLUB

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THE BIG BRAINS at the High Standard Manufacturing Corp., Hamden, Conn., have come up with something pretty nifty in shooting irons. Famed for its handguns, High Standard has now perfected the model 60, 12 gauge automatic shotgun. Ex-GI's who came to like the M-1 rifle will take to this shotgun which employs the same gas-operation principle. We shot the gun and timed it, getting 5 shots off in 1 second. It appears to be the fastest shooting shotgun ever put together. There was little recoil, practically no barrel-whip or muzzle-blast. It comes in a lightweight model with plain barrel, weighs less than seven pounds, sells for \$89.95. The only automatic on the market with a factory-installed ventilated rib, it sells for \$94.50. Both ventilated rib and choke-master, \$99.95. This versatile gun shoots all four shotgun loads without adjustment. It will be sold at Sears, Roebuck stores under the J. C. Higgins trade name.



WHAT WITH THESE days of controlled shooting, preserve shooting, and the cry "less game birds in America," it was pleasant to receive a recent communication from the Department of the Interior: "The daily bag on ptarmigan in Alaska will be increased," it said, "from 15 to 20."

ON THE SUBJECT of game birds, don't miss Fred Everett's colorful, informative, joy-to-own book, *Fun With Game Birds*. Magnificently illustrated and written by Everett, the book is divided into six sketch groups, has drawings and sage comments about most game birds, and detailed treatment of grouse, quail, woodcock, turkey, and pheasant. One of the most beautiful books we've ever seen, it's well worth \$7.50 to the upland game man. It's published by the Stackpole Co., Harrisburg, Pa.

THE SAVAGE ARMS CO., (listing Savage, Fox, and Stevens firearms) is ready for the shooting season, according to C. L. DuBuisson of that company, Chicopee Falls, Mass. Its model 15, .22 caliber rifle now sells for as little as \$13.65; its deluxe job, model 6 auto-loader, with grooved receivers for instant scope mounting, goes at \$36.25. Its 77-sc brand new Stevens slide action, hammerless, 12, 16, and 20 gauge repeating shotguns with the Savage adjustable choke for \$69.75. Its model 77 with 26", improved cylinder, or 28" barrel (modified or full), is \$59.00, the same price as its dependable model 311 double-barreled shotgun. Write for the full catalogue of rifles and shotguns.

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"I'LL TAKE THE RIFLE"

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looks down that invisible pathway along which his bullet will travel, he's on his own, just the same as a lot of other guys who have gone before him—guys like Bridger and Lewis, and Crockett too, if you please.

There is a certain swamp I know. Its trees are tall and limbless for 70 feet above the ground. They are massive columns, holding up a canopy of foliage so dense that only needles of sunlight penetrate through to the swamp floor. There are mirrored sloughs and scattered patches of perennials hardy enough to scorn the shade. This strip of isolated woods could well be a hold-over from a part of primitive America. It is peopled with innumerable squirrels and deer and wild turkeys and occasional black bears.

Those are rifle woods. I wouldn't desecrate them by walking through with a scattergun under my arm. Then I'd be just another hunter in another swamp. But with a rifle—I step back through time and space 200 years. I've got one bullet in my gun, instead of a dozen or 200 pellets. To get game with that one chunk of lead, I've got to call on all the woodsmanship I possess. I need a quick ear and a quicker eye. I must move with the stealthiness of the wild game itself, with reactions as sharp as those of the frontiersman who always brought home his own sealp.

In those woods I got the only wild turkey I ever killed with a rifle. In some regions the law allows only a single ball for hens and gobblers, but in my neck of the swamp, the wild turkey is considered scattergun game. I yelped up this old tom just as many a buckskin-elad hunter had done in another age. I brought him tiptoeing warily through

the lowland forest, his iridescent gloss rippling in gold and bronze and brown. He paused in one of those thin blades of sunlight, his suspicious wattles high, 80 steps away. It was a long shot for a .22, but I put the notch and bead on his cheek and a bullet through his head. If I had missed, it would have been a clean miss, leaving no messy wound as a pellet pattern sometimes does.

I've brought in dozens of big gobblers, but that one with the .22 I'll remember most vividly of them all. That has been true of all my hunting with a rifle, large caliber and small. I've had shotgun hunts which were interesting affairs, but how could any of them compare with the Montana grizzly that charged downhill with every intention of mutilating me into raven bait, or the huge Alaska brown that tried to smear me over his wild landscape? Almost as memorable is the fine Dall ram that stood silhouetted against the skyline of a 12,000-foot, unnamed Alaska mountain and the Wyoming elk that crashed out of the woods to challenge a bugling note I had made. The rifle has given me more real drama of the hunt than any shotgun I ever held in my hands.

When all the game seasons are out, many of my friends hunt crows with shot shells. Some of us use the .22 and consider it much more sporting. Other more ardent shooters in the group have graduated to the 250-3000 with a scope; they shoot in sparsely settled country. I wouldn't walk from here to the door to shoot a crow out of a tree with a load of drop shot; but I love the stalk with a .22, the vociferous conversations I sometimes have with a flock of the black rogues, and the satisfaction that comes with a single, well-placed bullet.

Once I lived in the woods for a couple of weeks, with no other food except what I got out of the forest. Since my self-imposed exile was in a section of the country that contained no large animals, my choice of guns to keep me in meat was a .22 rifle. The long rifle cartridge in that caliber is said to be the best-balanced and most accurate bullet made. While I don't recommend it for anything larger than a wildcat or fox, it kept my protein diet up to par for that wilderness half-month. With it I collected a variety of game, including rabbits, squirrels, and one sitting duck that I stalked along the river shore line.

Each fall, before I am ready to leave on my annual big game hunt, I spend about a month, plinking, crow hunting, and bagging varmints with my .22. This is a delightful way of improving the eye that will look over the sights of my big game rifle. I may shoot 1,000 or as many as 2,000 at a fraction of the cost of burning that same number of the large caliber shells. Strangely enough, I also use the .22 on moving targets to improve my shooting with the scattergun. Compare that cost with a few rounds of skeet, or with the traps!

Those are some of the reasons I choose a rifle over the shotgun. There are many others which have to do with the historic role of the rifle in the birth of the nation, and the fact that the scattergun was developed for the wholesale slaughter of game and has contributed to the extermination or near-extermination of many game species on the continent. More personally, the rifle, in its various calibers, gives me a tremendous amount of pleasure throughout the entire year. THE END

"GIVE ME THE SHOTGUN"

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Navy supplied guns, ammunition, and clay birds, and it was part of the training program at the naval air stations that each trainee be able to break a certain number of clay targets at the traps. I reported with the rest of my squad, and the instructor briefed us on gun handling, swing, lead, etc. At last my turn came and, praise be, I broke the first bird. That did it. On my next day off, I went to the sporting goods store in Pensacola and bought a 12-gauge double.

My roommate and I knew nothing of hunting. We had no dog, and, never having shot over a dog, did not feel the need of one. We simply went hunting for what we could find. As luck would have it we stumbled into a covey of quail. Up they went, and I fired both barrels at the covey. Of course, no birds

came down. However, I marked down one little rooster who was too lazy to fly far, and when he flushed the second time I managed to knock him into the grass. That first bird was the beginning of a series of experiments and research which has lasted through the years.

To enjoy a sport thoroughly you should understand it completely. Learning to use a shotgun well under all conditions constitutes the real challenge in shotgun shooting. I know literally hundreds of shotgun shooters, and of the entire lot I can think of not one single person who is a top performer in all of the various branches of the sport. Fine duck shots often are abominable shots in the woodcock and grouse covers. By the same token, dependable upland gunners are apt to be only indifferent shots in the duck blinds. Men who

break 100 straight at the traps and the skeet ranges miss woodcock, grouse, and quail with interesting regularity. As I say, not one excels in all branches, and that, of itself sets up a challenge that is difficult to meet completely.

Finding the right shotgun for your particular requirements is an absorbing piece of business. You don't do it (unless you are inordinately lucky) simply by going into a sporting goods store and buying a shotgun. Remember that a shotgun, when used for upland shooting, is not aimed; it is pointed, just as you point your finger. When a bird flushes in close cover, there is not time to aim. You simply mount the gun to your shoulder, point it at the bird, and fire. If your gun fits you, the bird comes down. Thus, it is vital to your sport that you have a gun that fits you as

though it were a part of you. In view of the fact that no two people are built exactly alike, there is no such thing as a stock that will fit the "average" individual, and this makes the search for the perfect gun an interesting*and, sometimes, a difficult job.

Shotgun shooting does not confine itself to seasons or weather conditions. To be sure, there are game laws which limit your scope with regard to the various game birds. However, these seasons extend through five months of the year right here in Pennsylvania, and this is true of most of our States. The rest of the year can be well occupied at the traps or the skeet range, and always we have with us that year-round pest, the crow.

Hunting dogs and shotguns are all of the same piece. A great deal of the pleasure to be found in the upland covers comes from watching a good dog at work. But a good pointing dog without a shotgun to back him up is incomplete. One goes with the other just as ham goes with eggs. Field trials are interesting affairs, and good dog work is fun to watch any time. But without a shotgun to round out the cycle the picture is not finished.

Another thing about shotgun shooting is the companionship its use affords. My friends and I hunt as a group, and competition does not enter the picture. That, to my way of thinking, is the way it should be. Unlike the competitive sports, gunning the upland covers or shooting in the marshes makes for sound and lasting friendships. You learn to know a man mighty well after a few trips afield with him or while sitting beside him in the duck blinds. Numbered high on my list of good friends are those with whom I gun each fall. The shotgun provides a medium of mutual understanding that is difficult to duplicate elsewhere.

Nobody who is not a shotgun enthusiast can know or understand the satisfaction, the warm glow of pride of accomplishment, that goes hand-in-hand with the successful completion of a difficult wing shot. I honestly believe that the coördination which is needed to subordinate physical movement to accurate shooting is as fine and keenly timed as that of any sport.

Last, but by no means least, age means little with the shotgun. I have seen men well past 80 gunning for rail in the Patuxent marshes of Maryland and for ringneck in the cornfields of South Dakota. Thus, experience that is gained down through the years need not be discarded in later life. From 9 to 90, the shotgun will find sport for you in the outdoors, regardless of age or season. Small wonder that I prefer the shotgun.

THE END

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ART FOR WHOSE SAKE?

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been in convincing the palace retainers that failure to appreciate their handiwork would brand one as having no taste, that not a single courtier had dared to raise his voice to protest against what was obviously a swindle. So, while the gullible Emperor marched down the street naked, the perpetrators of the hoax rolled on the palace floor in helpless laughter at the success of their scheme.

If the beloved Danish weaver of children's fairy tales were alive today, he would be astonished to see that his delightful fable has been taken over literally by swindlers in the field of so-called "modern art." Here we find an identical parallel—the perpetrators of the hoax of "modern art" have generally convinced the gullible that failure to appreciate their new forms of art expression brands one as hopelessly unintelligent and behind the times. In fact, the situation is almost identical in that *blank canvas* is actually exhibited as art!

This may sound very funny, but the sickening story of decadence, perversion, and revolutionary purpose behind the introduction of modern art to America is far from humorous. So-called "modern art" had its origin in socially sick and decadent European art circles before the First World War. From them sprung Cubism, Dadaism, Futurism, Symbolism, Expressionism, etc. In the social ferment that was to produce communism, fascism, and nazism, there arose artists who plotted to use art as a means of power over the masses. Since its inception, "modern art" has been revolutionary, not in the sense of bringing new beauty and craftsmanship to the world, but in the deliberate turning of the human mind from what is true, good, and beautiful to the contemplation and worship of ugliness, disordered visions of madness, "social protest," and the use of esoteric and occult symbols for reality.

All over Europe the revolutionaries, the dabblers in the occult, and the demented overturned the traditional forms of beauty and art. They boldly proclaimed themselves the new elite of the world of art. They formed into tight little groups, issued manifestoes, and tirelessly promoted their "new" art forms.

In 1920 the Dadaists held their most spectacular exhibition under the direction of Max Ernst, the artist. The entrance to the exhibition, which was held in Munich, was through a public urinal. A young girl dressed in white, as if for her first Communion, recited obscene poems in a loud voice. A feature of this early Dada exhibition was an aquarium full of blood-red fluid in which were an alarm clock, a lock of

hair, and an arm carved in wood. Visitors also were invited to take an axe and chop at a large block of wood.

The general impression created by this insane exhibit was to convince the ordinary visitor that he too had gone mad. Indeed, some of the visitors did go mad in the sense of outraged anger. They seized the axe and proceeded to chop down the whole Dada exhibition before the police arrived. The Dadaists were elated—they had proved their point that the whole world was in a state of complete madness.

The Dadaists were not alone in unleashing perversion and madness on the world. In June of 1936 the Surrealists held an exhibition in London. The noted British novelist, J. B. Priestley reviewed it for a London paper. He said in part:

The Surrealists stand for violence and neurotic unreason. They are truly decadent. You catch a glimpse behind them of the deepening twilight of the barbarism that may soon blot out the sky until at last humanity finds itself in another long night. . . .

Prophetic words written almost twenty years ago! Part and parcel of those helping to bring on "the long night" were the following artists:

J. T. Baargeld, founder of the Dadaists who helped establish the Communist Party in the Rhineland.

Filippo T. Marinetti, founder of the Futurists. He was a friend of Mussolini, and was proclaimed the cultural leader of the Italian fascists after their seizure of power. Marinetti proclaimed: "Man has no more significance than a stone."

Vassily Kandinsky, leader of the Expressionists. Kandinsky, who was born in Russia, studied painting in Germany. He was a mediocre painter until he discovered "Expressionism." This theory of painting was that painting in a trance would produce visions of the unconscious on the canvas. This was supposed to produce a like state of trance on the part of the spectator. The followers of Kandinsky in Germany were known as the Blue Knights. In 1914 he returned to Russia. He was a friend of Trotsky, and after the revolution he and his pals sought to dominate the Russian art world. For a while they succeeded. They created their own workshops and art organizations. Kandinsky became the director of the Museum of Pictorial Culture in Moscow. He helped establish museums throughout Russia. But his triumph was shortlived.

A smarter and far greater communist, V. I. Lenin, was watching the newly developing bolshevik art movement. Master of revolutionary techniques himself, Lenin saw in the art of Kan-

dinsky and his associates just another way of subverting the masses through distortion and neuroticism. The Russian masses which Lenin had chosen to conquer for socialism, had to face cold, hard, reality—neuroticism and decadent distortions were for people outside of Russia whom Lenin hoped to soften up and demoralize for later conquest. Kandinsky was kicked out of Russia by Lenin in 1921, and the Expressionist leader returned to Germany. A few years later he was brought to the United States by Katherine Dreier, an aging but active left-winger from Brooklyn.

Kandinsky, former cultural commissar in bolshevik Russia, believe it or not, became vice president of the Société Anonyme in New York two years later. This was an international association set up in 1920 by the same Katherine Dreier for the promotion of the study of "progressive art" in America. There is no reason to believe that Kandinsky, who had failed to establish his revolutionary art form in Russia, had abandoned his ideas or plans when he got to this country.

In a speech entitled "Modern Art Shackled to Communism" Congressman Dondero of Michigan said:

The Société Anonyme according to the American Art Annual was first organized as the Museum of Modern Art. The Museum of Modern Art founded in 1920, officered in 1923 and for years thereafter by Kandinsky, Russian Commissar of the 'isms' becomes crystallized in 1929 as the present Museum of Modern Art. As an enduring link between the two, Alfred H. Barr, Jr., member of the Board of Directors of Société

Anonyme, is the Director of the present Museum of Modern Art.

The way was open for the virus of the foreign-spawned "Isms" to be injected into the bloodstream of American culture, and it was. Books written by or about the leaders of "social protest" in the art world were published or sold by the Museum of Modern Art. The art critics of liberal and radical magazines praised to the skies the daubs and monstrosities of the "new school" artists. They employed a gibberish even more incomprehensible than the alleged "paintings" they so lavishly praised. Even more fantastic were the prices asked for some of this abstract junk.

Abstract art offered the communists a quick route to fame and fortune. It dispensed with the long training and talent demanded by traditional painting. A few daubs of paint on a canvas called "abstract art" could be boosted and pushed as great art. Many of the newly rich were eager to emulate an older generation of millionaire art patrons. Most of the great works of art of past centuries have been acquired by museums or families of great wealth. Therefore, it became tremendously chic to purchase works of unknown artists and to become a patron and defender of the "new culture."

On the other hand, the average American under no such delusions derived no pleasure or inspiration from the new art forms. The spectator felt uneasy and bewildered looking at paintings that conveyed neither beauty nor sense. Nevertheless, like the Emperor's courtiers they were easily cowed into silence because they feared the ridicule which the so-called "critics" and defenders of the new "isms" would heap upon them.



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The wedge of confusion having been driven home, a new phase was started. William Z. Foster, veteran communist leader, made this significant admission in the *New Masses* in 1946:

There must be a clear understanding that art is a weapon in the class struggle. Not only is art a weapon, but a very potent one as well. Moreover, rising revolutionary social classes instinctively realize the importance of art as a social weapon and have always forged their own art and used it to challenge that of the existing ruling class.

The communists had started to organize and exploit artists in the early 1930's by setting up fronts along cultural lines. One of the most notorious was the John Reed Club, named in honor of an early American communist, John Reed, who had died in Russia shortly after the bolshevik seizure of power and had been buried with full red honors in the Kremlin wall. Also active in New York was the Artists Union. Organized in 1933 by unemployed artists working on Federal Arts Projects, a part of the Federal Relief Program, it was super-militant. On May 1st, the communist holiday, it called upon all artists "to come out into the streets, to don chisel and brush, and march shoulder to shoulder with his fellow workers toward the future."

These artists were primarily interested in art as communist and revolutionary propaganda. Federal and State art projects set up to alleviate unemployment and distress offered wonderful opportunities to get paid, with taxpayers' money, for daubing revolutionary propaganda on public property walls. They violently resisted all controls, which they called "censorship."

These founders and early members of the John Reed Clubs and Artists Union can be found today as favored and prominently displayed artists in many museums throughout the United States. The names of these same artists appear over and over again as sponsors or supporters of literally dozens of communist fronts during the past 20 years.

William Gropper was one of the founders of the John Reed Club as well as a founder of Artists Equity in 1947. According to Congressman Dondero, "Artists Equity Association lists practically all the notorious red artists in the country." Gropper was present in 1930 at an international communist conference on art in Kharkov, Russia, set up to bring American artists under Comintern control. The sabotaging of American art was the direct outcome of this conference. In a cable to Moscow in 1932 Gropper reported to his Soviet masters the accomplishments of American communists in the struggle for world socialism:

I have held exhibitions of cartoons, drawings and paintings on the imperialist war and the defense of the Soviet Union throughout the West Coast of the United States like Berkeley, San Francisco and Los Angeles in California and in

galleries in New York City. At present I am at work on a mural painting to be exhibited in the Museum of Modern Art, which thousands of people visit weekly and I shall register my protest by exposing the war plot against the Soviet Union in this painting.

With Revolutionary Greetings,
William Gropper.

Gropper's communist front record with some 60 or more affiliations is second only to that of Rockwell Kent with well over a hundred. Yet he had the gall to tell the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations in 1953:

You see I am an artist. I am primarily an artist. I am not in with this political business that you people are all involved in.

Despite this long communist front record and his protests of complete lack of political knowledge, Mr. Gropper nevertheless conveniently took the Fifth Amendment when asked if he was a communist. He admitted he had received between \$4,000 and \$5,000 for a mural he did for the New Interior Building in Washington. When asked whether he had contributed any of this money to the Communist Party, Gropper again took the Fifth Amendment.

In 1947 the State Department paid \$55,000 of your tax money for a collection of 79 works of art to be shown abroad as examples of American culture. At least nine of the contributing artists had front records. The project was quickly dropped when the then Secretary of State, George Marshall, received a flood of protests from Congressmen and indignant citizens. The War Assets Administration later disposed of the whole collection for \$5,544.45, or about ten cents on the dollar.

A year later an "art gallery on wheels" was set up to tour Veteran Administration hospitals. Congressman Dondero exposed the front records of 17 artists whose works were included in the project. The sinister purpose behind such an otherwise harmless idea was to give these communist front artists a sort of "patriotism by association" halo in that their modernistic daubs had presumably benefited recuperating veterans. They could also later claim that they had at least been inferentially "cleared of any taint of subversion" by virtue of the fact that the United States Government had displayed their works in veterans hospitals. You have to get up awfully early to outsmart communists.

The communists are tireless in boosting each others' products. They are also highly adept at infiltrating art injuries. Recently the National Council for U. S. Art announced the first competition for art work to decorate the



"The one in the middle looked like he might make a good shortstop."

U. N. Building in New York. The 10 jurors include at least three with communist front records, Leon Kroll, Paul Manship, and William Zorach. Six of the 18 members of the Visual Arts Panel of the U. S. National Committee of UNESCO are connected with Artists Equity. This is a cozy "you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours" arrangement.

Small wonder that so many young and struggling artists go left. They are smart enough to realize that with such obvious infiltration, and in some cases, control of art juries and panels by notorious left-wingers, anti-communist



"Oh, he's very methodical. First he gets his materials in order, and then he goes ahead and botches the job!"

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painters do not stand much of a chance. For example, Anton Refregier was selected from 86 other contestants to paint the Rincon Post Office murals in San Francisco. There were 3 artists on the jury; 2 who voted for Refregier had long front records. Outraged protests from patriotic groups finally forced a congressional hearing on these slanted murals. Refregier himself was not even called to testify as to what part of the \$26,000 of taxpayers' money which he received was diverted to any of the communist fronts with which he was connected. Despite the protests of large groups of patriotic citizens, the objectionable murals painted by a communist sympathizer are still on the walls of a U. S. Government building. Who benefited by the selection of Anton Refregier as the artist?

In the story of the Emperor's clothes, it was the voice of one small child which exposed the whole carefully built-up hoax. "But he has nothing on!"

exclaimed the child. The Emperor, realizing that the child spoke the truth, rushed back to his palace to turn out the rascals who had made such a fool of him. The clear-sighted vision of small children is apparently not given to the blind worshipers of "modern art." Consider the reply of Sidney Marcus, chairman of the Dallas Museum Board, to a resolution of the Dallas Public Affairs Luncheon Club. The resolution protested the exhibition of works by communist and pro-communist artists at the local museum. "Tommyrot!" sneered Mr. Marcus.

Christianity is today the main target of world communism. What more subtle way could be devised to destroy children's faith in religion than to show Christ on the cross as a gigantic insect? Nothing is more despicable in "modern art" than the vulgarity and ugly distortion in religious themes.

The real thinking behind these sacrilegious paintings is given away by a critical review in the communist *Daily Peoples World* of April 6, 1955. Criticizing Rico Lebrun's "Crucifixion" series, the review says:

In attempting to depict man's inhumanity to man there was a deep and important fallacy. The carpenter who erected the cross, the soldiers who rent the garments, and the crowds who jeered and mocked were all portrayed in unsparing horror. But the forces which put these executioners into movement, the instigators of mankind's most notorious execution of a radical thinker, nowhere were these forces shown.

Can you believe it? Jesus Christ, not the hope and Saviour of all mankind, but merely a "radical thinker."

This is hate art. The purveyors of it have their vile works exhibited in museums and private galleries throughout the country. They are praised, financially supported, and defended by the very class that they plot to destroy. The *Daily Worker* of April 10, 1955, carried an article on the Jack Levine show exhibited in the Whitney Museum of Art in New York. The following excerpts are significant:

He paints dead souls in living bodies with devastating power and insight. He paints men and women who would stifle humanity, starve mankind, brutalize the world for their own parasitic, selfish, greedy ends. He divests these people of their outer garments of wealth, position, and respectability and exposes the sham that covers the leering evil, the greed, the corrosion of upper-class immorality and self-indulgence. . . .

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Throughout the exhibition it is more clear what Jack Levine hates. He says himself, 'Those I love I simply leave out. A painter should do what he does best.'

He has created unforgettable faces expressive of corruption that grows and decays, of hypocritical souls wielding power today.

Pope Pius XII summed up the whole situation recently when he spoke at an exhibition of the works of Fra Angelico, famed 15th Century Florentine painter of saints and angels. His Holiness ex-

tolled the work of Fra Angelico, who had painted an ideal world of angel-like men, and then said:

If the artistic expression turns instead to a false, empty, and unclean spirit, which deforms the designs of the Creator, if instead of elevating the mind and heart to noble sentiments it should incite the more vulgar passions, it might find acclaim or acceptance by some, even if only because of novelty, which is not always of merit.

But such art would degrade itself, denying its own principal and essential aspect and would be neither universal nor perpetual as is the spirit of man to which it is addressed.

A few years ago, Colonel William R. Kintner wrote a book entitled *The Front Is Everywhere*. He demonstrated beyond cavil that secret communists and their sympathizers in our midst are waging total war against us every hour of the day and night, on every level and stratum of our society—religious, cultural, political, economic, social, moral, and intellectual. This constant corrosive attack seeks to destroy our religion, our home life, our national unity, our history and traditions, our very will to resist and live. In this titanic struggle for the world, no sector of human thought or activity is overlooked by the minions of Moscow. So, remember that even in the museums, "Art is a weapon in the class struggle." THE END

HOW THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE CAME TO BE WRITTEN

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policy of the magazine to publish anonymously all the material written by its staff. The question now was: Had James B. Upham, the publisher, himself written the Pledge, or had it been the work of his underling, Francis Bellamy?

Although fascinated by this development, Miss Miller remained staunchly convinced that Upham was the real author. All her research indicated that he was a fine, upright, patriotic gentleman. She felt almost as though she'd become one of the Upham family as the result of her extensive correspondence with its members. And the few reference sources that mentioned the author of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag gave the credit to Upham.

But, since a shadow had been cast on Upham's authorship, she decided the only thing to do was to have the mat-

ter settled once and for all. She asked the United States Flag Association to step into the breach and render the decision.

The families of James B. Upham and Francis Bellamy were asked to submit to the Association whatever evidence they had of the Pledge's authorship. Three leading historians of the country, Charles C. Tansill, W. Reed West, and Bernard Mayo, were called upon to sit as the tribunal that would determine the issue.

Thus it came about that in 1939, 47 years after the Pledge of Allegiance was written, the story of how it came into being became known.

It seems back in 1892 the tide of patriotism was at a low ebb. The disillusionment of the after effects of the Civil War still rested heavily on the country. Fine Christian gentleman that he was,

James B. Upham felt the urge to stem the drift toward material idolatry and indifference, and to restore the note of pride and idealism to this country. For some time he had been thinking that perhaps his magazine for young people could take a hand in this, that it was the youth of the nation that offered the best hope for a rebirth of patriotism and the re-establishment of high ideals.

For some years Upham had felt the greatness and magnificence for which the American flag stands, and he gave flags to various schools and organizations when the opportunity presented itself. But he saw October 12, 1892, as an occasion to strike a really big blow in arousing this country to its finer self. That Columbus Day marked the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America.

It came to Upham that a joint celebration in every classroom in America ought to be held on that day, with outstanding individuals addressing the young people on the worth and the aspirations of the nation, and that there ought to be some sort of Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag with it all.

Upham and his *Youth's Companion* staff worked mightily on this nationwide project — and brought it about. The 400th anniversary of the discovery of America was celebrated throughout the schoolrooms of our land with patriotic feeling, and this Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

And that was that.

No stress had been placed on the authorship of the words of the Pledge because they had been regarded as just a few simple lines that would be used for a single occasion and then forgotten.

No one had foreseen that these words would become part and parcel of the American scene, recited daily by millions of children in thousands of classrooms throughout the land, and that



"Forget it, chief. Their treasurer just beat us to the punch."

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the sheen of immortality would envelope the simple sentence: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

The three noted historians before whom all this was unfolded were intrigued by the look into this sidelight of American history, but Miss Margarette Miller, who started this train of flashbacks, was to be shocked by it.



"Whatta ya mean, 'Stop clownin' and go put on your other dress'—This is it!"
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For, just as it did to the judges, it became overwhelmingly clear to her, staunch Upham supporter though she was, that the magazine publisher hadn't written the Pledge of Allegiance after all!

There was no doubt that James B. Upham deserved a great deal of credit for the *idea* of a Pledge, and, fine, patriotic gentleman that he was, he probably deserved more credit than anyone else for the fact that the American flag is flown in the schools and in many of our institutions today. But it also was very apparent to Miss Miller that he didn't actually write the words. Francis Bellamy had done that.

So Miss Miller had to reverse herself and take up the cudgels in behalf of Francis Bellamy. In doing this, she incurred the displeasure of the Upham supporters, and spent almost all the money she had earned as a professional photographer as well as much of her time for the last decade and a half in her struggle to bring the facts to light. "It would have been a lot easier to just go on attributing the Pledge to Mr. Upham," Miss Miller says now, with a sigh. "It would have hardly caused a ripple, it would have been in line with

all the reference books. But, after all, the truth is the truth."

As a matter of fact, James B. Upham apparently *never claimed* that he wrote the Pledge! His family and friends always assumed that he had, that's all. Apparently Upham, who passed away in 1905, was just content with the fact that his *Youth's Companion* had initiated the Pledge. A Mrs. Luc Stewart Wadsworth has stated that Upham once told her that Bellamy had written the Pledge of Allegiance, but that Upham preferred the material published in his magazine to remain anonymous as far as the general public was concerned. There is also a statement on record that Upham once introduced Bellamy at a patriotic gathering in the Boston area as the author of the Pledge.

Harold Roberts, the only surviving member of the *Youth's Companion* staff of 1892, says that it was Francis Bellamy who wrote the Pledge.

Not only Upham but apparently Francis Bellamy, who passed away in 1931, also assumed that authorship of the Pledge of Allegiance was a matter of anonymity. But one day in 1922, 30 years after the Pledge had been written, the ex-minister, who had become a writer for an advertising agency in New York, happened to hear a radio program in which the credit for writing the Pledge was given to Upham. Chagrined, he promptly sat down and wrote a letter to the *Youth's Companion* asking that this "misinformation" be corrected. He also wrote an account in detail of how he came to write the Pledge, telling how Upham had broached the matter to him at a luncheon at the Thorndyke Hotel in Boston, asking him if he would write a statement of allegiance to the flag. Bellamy's account also told how he spent two hours sweating out the wordage while Upham hung around outside his office door, anxious to get it as soon as possible in order to put it into the September issue.

The owners of the *Youth's Companion* in 1922 saw no sense in stirring up anything, and so declined to take any action in the matter. And that seemed to be that.

Maybe as far as the world was concerned—but not Miss Margarette Miller of Portsmouth. Morally certain that Francis Bellamy was the Pledge's author, the diminutive photographer felt bound to do something about it, particularly since she had earlier played a considerable part in beclouding Bellamy.

It has cost her thousands of dollars of her own money and an incalculable amount of energy and effort, but she finally seems to have rectified the earlier misconceptions and lined up history on the side of the magazine hiring.

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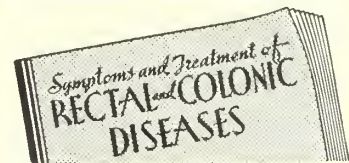
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It has meant relentlessly sending out hundreds and hundreds of letters and making all kinds of trips through the years, but she has finally got all but three States—California, Ohio, and North Dakota—to pass resolutions acknowledging Bellamy as the author of the Pledge of Allegiance. As you can see, even Massachusetts, where the Uphams have been a leading family for generations, has come around to accepting Bellamy as the Pledge's author.

In addition to this, Miss Miller has for 13 years given an annual "Francis Bellamy Award" to some outstanding high school in the nation.

And with the verdict of the U. S. Flag Association long in Bellamy's corner, the standard reference sources have joined in the trend to Bellamy too. The *World Almanac* has corrected its early reference to Upham as the author of the Flag pledge, and now credits Bellamy as do such authoritative sources as the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, *Information Please Almanac* and Barlett's *Familiar Quotations*.

In 1953, for her efforts in bringing all this to the fore, Miss Miller was given the Senate Award, joining such illus-

trious previous winners of this high honor as former President Herbert Hoover, Eddie Rickenbacker, and Thomas E. Dewey.

That should have signaled the end of the battle for her, making her triumph complete, but Miss Miller says she isn't going to rest until she accomplishes three things: gets all 48 States to acknowledge Francis Bellamy as the Pledge author, has a Presidential proclamation to this effect, and has a high school named after Francis Bellamy.

"The devil of it all," sighs this slight, intense woman, "is that I think—I am sure—that if I had ever known Mr. Upham or Mr. Bellamy personally I would have been much fonder of Mr. Upham as an individual. He was, from everything I can gather, a very reserved, fine gentleman of the old school, and handsome too—the perfect, proper Bostonian. Mr. Bellamy, on the other hand, I have the impression, was a little more flamboyant—a wiry man with a lot of bite. But, if the author of the Pledge of Allegiance had been Joe Zilch, a fly-by-night peanut vendor, I would have tried just as hard to get the proper recognition due him."

THE END

10 YEARS OF AVIATION

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the ocean of Jap ships. Aviation had reached its zenith.

Today—ten years later—we realize that developments we then thought fabulous were only ushering in the real air age. Today, we have bombers which dwarf the B-29s and B-24s, and which fly miles above the old operational ceilings. These new giants fly faster and higher, carrying bigger bomb loads farther. Fighters outspeed sound at altitudes approaching the edge of the earth's atmosphere. From carriers we catapult planes that outperform the once fabulous "heavies" of World War II.

During but a single decade, airmen have blasted through the sonic and supersonic barriers and are poised for a thrust into the thermal barrier—at hypersonic speeds. It's an era of unusual yet practical planes and equipment: of helicopters doing the work of sub chasers and minelayers; of tactical hybrids which land and take off vertically; of hydro-skied supersonic fighters, equally at home on land and water; of killer missiles which find their targets regardless of evasive action.

There's a whole new and expanding language. Such words as "flame out" and "Mach" are common. "Fuel sweat" indicates the jetman's unending preoccupation with fuel consumption. Crews wear "hard hats" and "pressure suits." They don't "take off," they "blast off."

They think in terms of "thrust," not "r.p.m."

They worry about skin friction, the rising temperature in cockpit and cabin, born of supersonic speeds. Refrigeration's a necessity. So is oxygen—from the ground all the way to 50,000, even 60,000 feet, the new operational ceilings. There's no opening a hatch for a breather as in the slow-going, low altitude days of the B-17. Now they fly sealed-in, pressurized, refrigerated, and wired for sound, nudging a B-52 Stratofortress toward a target they'll never see—except on radar. That "blip" on the scope? It's a rendezvousing KC-135 jet tanker, the B-52's aerial filling station. H-bombs nest in the bomb bays. And tucked beneath the wings is a new genus of bird—self-homing, self-firing missiles like Sperry's "Sparrow" and Hughes' "Falcon."

But you needn't be airborne to see the changes. They begin right there on the ground. For today's fledgling pilot starts to fly in a T-6—an airplane that was an advanced trainer in World War II—even as two faster prop trainers, Beech's 189-mph T-34 and North American's 346-mph T-28, are being brought into the six-month Primary course.

Before his 12th month in the air, the future pilot flies the near-sonic T-33 (or the Navy version, the TV-2), developed from the venerable Lockheed

F-80, first U.S. combat jet fighter of a decade past.

After 14 months and 250 fast-flying hours last year's fledgling is this year's pilot, commissioned and nearly ready for the century-series fighters (the F-100 Super Sabre; the supersonic F-101 McDonnell "Voodoo"; Convair's delta-winged F-102, a missile-packing, Mach 1.5 interceptor).

Fledglings destined for jet bombers get 110 hours "Basic" (the phase of flying training that follows "Primary") in the World War II twin-engine B-25 (although the T-33 jet is being phased into multi-engine Basic). From there, jetmen graduate to B-29s and B-50s, and eventually are assigned to the atom-bomb carriers, the B-47 and B-52.

They pick up a jargon more confusing than that used in World War II. SAC stands for Strategic Air Command (and its ever-ready atomic bombers). NOLO—"no live operator aboard"—is Navy lingo for remotely controlled drone planes. MAD-bird—magnetic airborne detectors—which locate and "home" on lurking subs. ATC—the Air Training Command which directs the Air Force's three great training organizations: TechTAF, which schools ground crews; CrewTAF, charged with shaping up flying crews; and FlyTAF—molder of commissioned crewmen. Behind them all stand ARDC (the Air Research and Development Command of the U. S. Air Force), its Navy counterpart, and the NACA (National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics) whose scientists parented the jet age through adolescence.

Now, but ten years later, cargo planes have been redefined as "logistic carriers." Capable of moving whole divisions overseas in a few hours instead of weeks, they form an intercontinental supply line which no submarine can sever.

The Douglas C-124 Globemaster, with a 50,000-lb. payload, has 10 times the capacity of the World War II work horse, the C-47. Both are small beside the C-133, which has twice the Globemaster's capacity. Upcoming (but still under wraps) is the C-132, which once again doubles the load. Nine of these high-flying Goliaths will do the work of 171 C-54s, the overwater air-freighters of the past decade.

In Navy-air, they're eying Sikorsky's HSS-1 helicopter as a likely airborne destroyer, its sonar gear submerged while the whirly-bird hovers low over the sea. Troop-carrying helicopters, like Sikorsky's HR25-1 (toting two Marine squads) and Piasecki's giant gas-turbined YH-16A, can leapfrog radioactive beaches, then land and supply assault troops.

Martin's XP6M-1 "SeaMaster," first seaplane in the 600-mph range, is tabbed

as a minelayer, its hull fitted with watertight mine doors. Convair's multi-turbo-propped R3Y-2 "Tradewind"—the Navy's "flying LST"—can shuttle an assault company of Marines 2000 miles, and unload them and their atomic cannon on the beach (the plane's nose is ramped like an LST's). Meantime, far

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to sea and miles high, a Navy flying-eye radar plane, the Lockheed WV-2, scans far below the carrier's horizon, its airborne plotters ready to guide jet fighters to target.

Revisit your wartime Navy billet and you'll hear scuttlebutt of the sonic era's smaller (12-15 ship) but far deadlier task force: 3 large all-jet carriers; 7 missile-packing cruisers; a couple of high-speed supply ships.

Already with the fleet is Chance Vought's F7U-2 "Cutlass" interceptor, a tailless, 650-mph twin jet. Just now joining the carriers is the Douglas A4D "Skyhawk," smallest and lightest U. S. atom bomber—and the first carrier plane

built without folding wings. Even faster is the carrier interceptor F4D "Skyray," holder of the world's official speed record (753.4 mph, on Oct. 3, 1953). Grumman's F9F-9 packs air-to-air and air-to-ground missiles, and is a fighter in the supersonic range. Most revolutionary are the Navy's two VTO (vertical takeoff) planes, Convair's XFV-1 and Lockheed's XFV-1. Their job: to ride the decks of merchantmen, and relieve surface ships of convoy duty.

But mainly the talk's of missiles.

Bomber crews come away sweating after seeing movies of 98 Nike "kills" out of 100 over the White Sands, New Mexico, proving grounds. Perhaps, too, airmen are mindful of the decade's fearful progress. For the B-17, the most acclaimed bomber of World War II, is now cast in a degrading and suicidal role—target drone for missiles not even born when it fought through flak-filled skies.

Increasingly, the air crewman is an observer watching instruments—the servo-valved and solenoided guts of missile and jet-engine controllers. And ahead of him—and miles higher—hurtle intercontinental missiles, threatening the tactical longevity of both himself and his plane. For already this country's first tactical missile, The Martin "Matador," is serving with pilotless bomber squadrons in Germany.

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Coming up are three long-range missiles, the North American "Navaho," Convair "Atlas," and Northrop "Snark." Another three dozen shorter-ranged missiles are in the works—replacements for anti-aircraft, for ship's big guns, for artillery and aircraft cannon.

Like the bomber crewman, the fighter pilot is losing his performance race against electronic and mechanically-directed drones—those single-minded killers unafflicted by neurosis or pilot fatigue. Statistics predict the inevitable victor: during 1953, the Air Force spent but \$46 million on aircraft research while laying out \$129 million for mis-

sile development. This year, missiles will get three times the research money allocated to aircraft. Another tip-off: our 1954 missile procurement budget was a whopping \$634 million, 9 times the 1946 outlay. Proportionally, missile procurement has been steadily rising while aircraft buying has been tapering off.

It's been a decade fringing the supernatural. Miles overhead swirls a newly-discovered super-flyway—the jet stream. Radar is providing the traffic controls, guiding jetmen to safe landings through zero visibility. Aloft, automatic pilots "think"—and act—faster than man. Jetcraft are even shedding their aluminum

skins. They're being re-suited in heat-resisting plastics. Meantime, Pratt & Whitney's 10,000-lb.-thrust J-57 turbo-jet engine—among the most powerful in production—drives such dissimilar jet-birds as the F-100 and the 8-engined B-52.

The varied and complex equipment that makes up the air power of the United States reflects the determination of designers and builders to maintain and increase our air supremacy. No idea is too bizarre or impractical to be tried and tested.

From this willingness to experiment have come the bombers and fighters that can mean our survival. THE END

WHAT'S NEW IN DENTISTRY

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abscessed teeth so loose that "they could have been extracted with one's finger have been saved by treating the infection with aureomycin or penicillin." Another Tufts College study found school children who brushed their teeth with a powder containing penicillin had less tooth decay. This application is a matter of controversy, but the powder is now available on a prescription basis.

Dr. Lester Hugh Roth, of the University of Pittsburgh, this year credited aureomycin with preserving the teeth of 31 patients with "poor to hopeless" chances of keeping them. An aureomycin mouth wash has been found useful in treating oral lichen planus, a disease marked by annoying inflammatory patches in the mouth. Antibiotics also relieve some of the symptoms of "trench mouth," more properly called Vincent's infection.

Antibiotics—sometimes in combination with the triple sulfa drugs, sulfadiazine, sulfamerazine, and sulfamethazine—deal effectively with infections. Indeed, so effectively that the wholesale removal of teeth is no longer ordered with the idea of eliminating in-

fection causing trouble elsewhere in the body. Penicillin now protects the patient with a history of rheumatic fever against a very serious heart condition (bacterial endocarditis) after tooth extraction. Preservation of "dead" or devitalized teeth, previously considered dangerous in the mouth, has advanced to a dental specialty called endodontics. This involves the treatment and filling of the root canals of damaged or badly infected teeth and keeping them in place for looks and use. Varidase, a new enzyme drug, has proved useful in clearing out infected tissue.

A remarkable instance of a 14-year-old Brooklyn girl's knocked-out tooth being put back into her mouth was recorded recently. She knocked out an upper tooth when she fainted in the street. Her mother found it there 24 hours later. A dentist cleaned the tooth, removed the pulp, replaced the tooth, and wired it to the adjoining teeth. The surrounding tissue closed in on it, and two years later it was still in place.

Molars of teen-agers are transplanted from the back to the front of the mouth in an operation pioneered by Dr. Harland Apfel, of San Pedro, California,

and others. The first or six-year molars, the first permanent teeth to erupt, are considered the most important of all teeth because they determine the alignment of later teeth and the appearance of your mouth and face. The later developing third molars or wisdom teeth are among the least important and in some persons remain impacted and never appear.

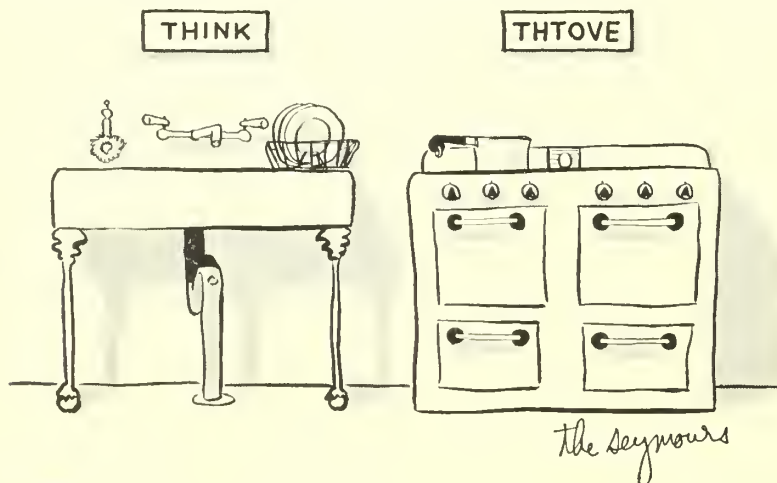
When one of the first molars is lost, as is the case with 30 per cent of boys and 35 per cent of girls by age 15, in non-fluoride areas, it is now possible in a few cases to transplant a developing third molar to the unsightly gap. It is a delicate operation, but success has been reported in more than 100 such cases.

Dr. George J. Collings, of the University of Oregon, has reported normal development in the case of a youth who had 2 erupting wisdom teeth transplanted to replace 2 lost first molars. The operation is an example of the surgery made possible by the sulfa drugs and antibiotics.

This suggests the possibility of setting up "tooth banks," according to Dr. Merle L. Hale, professor of oral surgery at the College of Dentistry, State University of Iowa. "Current medical literature records the use of bone, cartilage, artery, and even eye banks," he says. "It is just as feasible to consider the establishment of tooth banks."

Dr. Harry L. Shapiro, of Columbia University, and others are experimenting with the transplanting of tooth buds from one animal to another. This may, in the distant future, hold promise of something similar for humans.

In the meantime most of us will still have to resign ourselves to the eventual loss of most of our 32 teeth and the wearing of partial or full artificial dentures. According to a recent study of 5,014 men, 20 to 80 years old, at the Veterans Administration outpatient



clinic in Chicago, 1 out of 2 men by age 45 either has lost all his teeth as a result of periodontal disease or is afflicted with it. If you are a statistically average male, Public Health Service figures show you losing 4.5 teeth before you are 24, 10 by age 44, and nearly 24 by age 65.

But there are improved X-ray units, fast-developing films, and electrical pulp testers for studying the vitality of teeth. Actual extraction is truly painless. No longer need anybody having teeth out feel that he is undergoing the martyrdom of Saint Apollonia, canonized as patroness of those with dental difficulties for clinging to her faith while her teeth were knocked out.

Anesthetics, first employed by two dentists, Drs. Horace Wells and William Morton, are now available in many swift-acting and effective forms. One of the newest is Xylocaine, a Swedish development, which blocks a tooth nerve in less than two minutes. There has also been a revival of interest in hypnosis, either alone or as an aid to anesthesia, for dental operations. At the last meeting of the American Dental Association, Dr. Jacob Stolzenberg, of Brooklyn, New York, reported hypnosis useful in reducing anxiety and controlling bleeding and salivation during dental surgery.

Acrylic resins, self-hardening plastics of the sort used in bombing plane noses, have become important in dentistry. They are used increasingly both for artificial dentures and fillings. The latter application dates from World War II when lack of gold, used for fillings for centuries, forced German scientists to develop substitutes.

These lucite and plexiglas resins set quickly at mouth temperature. They present some problems in shrinkage, but can be molded into any shape. They are light and strong and almost impervious to stain. They offer a number of advantages over the older silver amalgams and silicate cements, but gold continues to be favored for back teeth fillings subject to great pressure.

Most artificial dentures are now entirely of plastic or of porcelain teeth mounted in a resin plate. The use of porcelain for jacket crowns and inlays, incidentally, was pioneered by Dr. Charles H. Land, of Detroit, a grandfather of Charles Lindbergh; and his instruments have been given to Columbia University by the airman. The resin is lighter and much superior to the old hard rubber plates. These were porous, absorbed saliva, sometimes gave rise to unpleasant odors, and were difficult to keep clean.

One of the developments in plates in recent years is the use of tiny permanent magnets to keep them in place, a

bit of ingenuity pioneered by Dr. Hyman Freedman, of New York. In one version, magnets are placed in upper and lower plates with the same poles facing. Magnetic repulsion keeps the plates in place. In another method, still experimental, one magnet is imbedded in the jaw and attracts another in the lower plate. Alnico alloys, originally developed by General Electric for radio loud speakers and other electrical applications, are the magnets.

Another experimental effort involves the implanting of false teeth in the jaw in some cases where the usual plates cannot be fitted. It is another operation made possible by the infection-defeating antibiotics and sulfa drugs. A metallic framework of mesh of Vitallium, a non-corrosive alloy, may be buried in the jaw over the bone while artificial teeth to anchor a plate protrude through the tissue. Dentists interested in these possibilities are forming the Society of Implant Dentures.

Easing the pain of paying dental bills, which can be sizable if you neglect your mouth for years, is the aim of a number of developments. Group Health Dental Insurance, Inc., the first voluntary prepayment dental insurance plan, was organized last year in New York. Affiliated with it are 3,500 dentists. To join, an individual must be a member of a group of 25 or more employees of a company, 75 per cent of whom are insured. Once existing defects have been corrected, with the patient paying the first \$150, the cost to an individual per month is \$1.65. A couple pays \$3.30 and a family of three or more pays \$6.

Plans for the delayed payment of dental bills are sponsored by more than 50 district and States societies of the American Dental Association. Banks pay the dentists, and the patients pay the banks, often in installments, with interest which is often at a lower rate than the patient could obtain elsewhere. Dental bills of more than \$6,300,000 a year are thus financed, and the average loan is around \$231.

Such plans are sponsored by the dental societies of California, District of Columbia, Nevada, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Wisconsin, and by at least one district society in 17 more States. Seven Michigan, 5 Texas, 4 Tennessee, and 3 New York district societies are among these. Some plans include a life insurance arrangement which cancels the loan if the patient dies before it is repaid.

Disabled veterans, under certain conditions, are entitled to outpatient dental treatment either at Veterans Administration clinics or from their hometown dentists who are paid on a fee basis by the Veterans Administration. In the government's 1954 fiscal year, 303,000 veterans were treated.

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— DAN BENNETT

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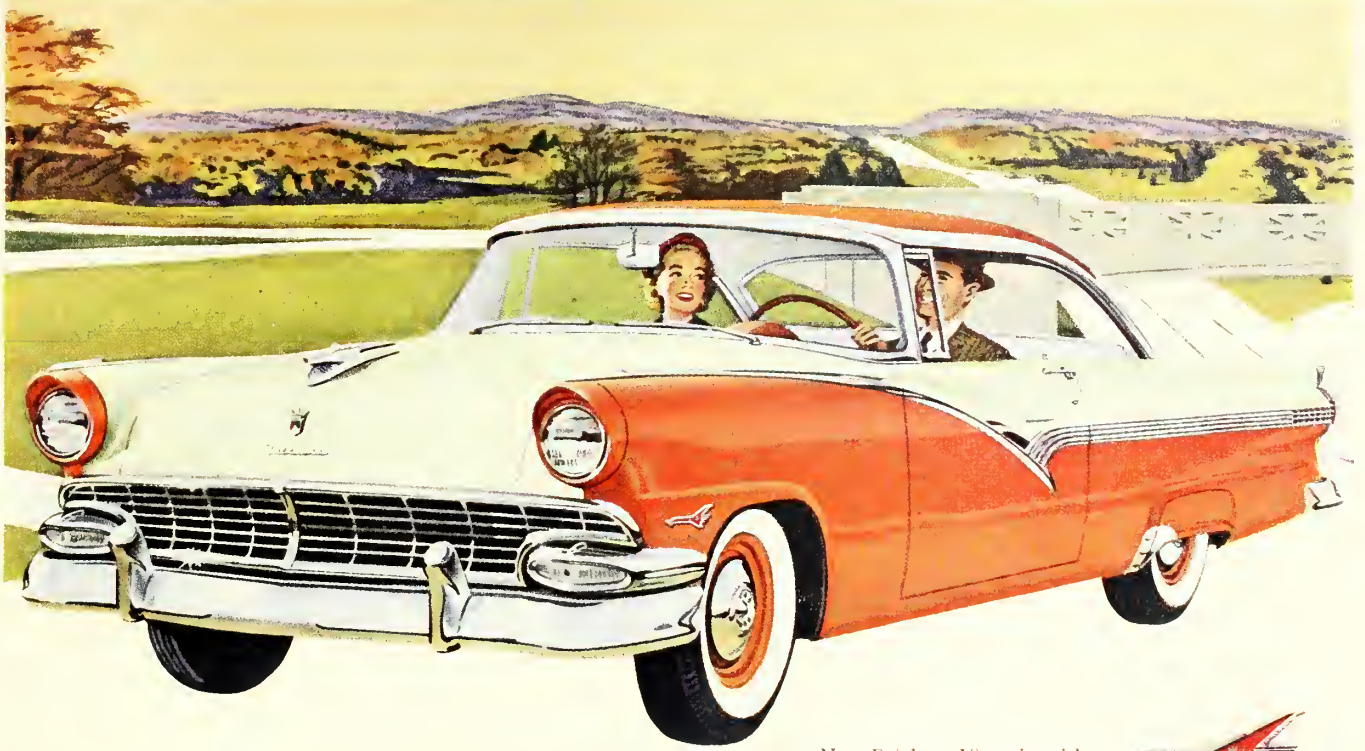
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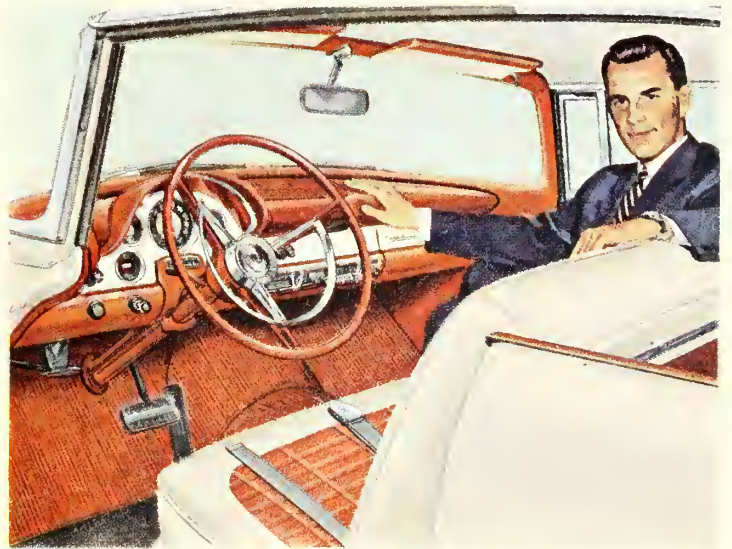
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